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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION
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15 **CLEVE OTIS HULSEY,**

Petitioner,

17 v.

18 **BEN CURRY, Warden,**

Respondent.

Case No. C 08-1009 JSW

**ANSWER TO ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE; MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

Judge: The Honorable Jeffrey S. White

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21 As an Answer to the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by inmate Cleve Otis Hulsey,
22 Respondent admits, alleges, and denies that:

23 1. Hulsey is in the lawful custody of the California Department of Corrections and
24 Rehabilitation following his 1990 conviction of first-degree murder. (Pet. at 3.) Hulsey is
25 serving a life sentence with the possibility of parole. (*Id.*)

26 2. In 2007, Hulsey filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in Tulare County Superior
27 Court, alleging that the Board of Parole Hearings' 2006 decision denying him parole violated his
28 due process rights. (Ex. 1, Super. Ct. Pet.; Ex. 2, [Super. Ct.] Ruling Re: Pet. for Writ of Habeas

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1 Corpus.) The superior court denied the petition, finding that “[i]t is clear from the record that
2 there was more than enough evidence to justify the denial of petitioner’s parole.” (Ex. 2 at 2.)

3 3. Hulsey then filed petitions in the California Court of Appeal and the California
4 Supreme Court. (Ex. 3, Ct. App. Pet.; Ex. 4, Sup. Ct. Pet.) Both courts summarily denied the
5 petitions. (Ex. 5, Ct. App. Order; Ex. 6, Cal. Appellate Cts. Case Information at 2.)

6 4. Respondent admits that Hulsey exhausted his state court remedies regarding the claim
7 that the Board’s 2006 decision was not supported by some evidence and violated due process.
8 Respondent denies that Hulsey has exhausted his claims to the extent they are interpreted more
9 broadly to encompass any systematic issues beyond this claim.

10 5. Respondent admits that the Petition is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).
11 Respondent admits that the Petition is not subject to any other procedural bar.

12 6. Respondent denies that Hulsey is entitled to federal habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. §
13 2254 because the state court decisions were not contrary to, or an unreasonable application of
14 clearly established federal law as determined by the United States Supreme Court, or based on an
15 unreasonable determination of the facts.

16 7. Respondent denies that Hulsey has a federally protected liberty interest in parole and,
17 therefore, alleges that he has not stated a federal question invoking this court’s jurisdiction.
18 The Supreme Court has not clarified the methodology for determining whether a state has created
19 a federally protected liberty interest in parole. *See Greenholtz v. Inmates of Neb. Penal & Corr.*
20 *Complex*, 442 U.S. 1, 12 (1979) (liberty interest in conditional parole release date created by
21 unique structure and language of state parole statute); *Sandin v. Connor*, 515 U.S. 472, 484
22 (1995) (federal liberty interest in correctional setting created only when issue creates an “atypical
23 or significant hardship” compared with ordinary prison life); *Wilkinson v. Austin*, 545 U.S. 209,
24 229 (2005) (*Sandin* abrogated *Greenholtz*’s methodology for establishing the liberty interest).
25 Continued confinement under an indeterminate life sentence does not impose an “atypical or
26 significant hardship” under *Sandin* since a parole denial does not alter an inmate’s sentence,
27 impose a new condition of confinement, or otherwise restrict his liberty while he serves his
28 sentence. Thus, Respondent asserts that Hulsey does not have a federal liberty interest in parole.

1 Respondent acknowledges that in *Sass v. Cal. Bd. of Prison Terms*, 461 F.3d 1123, 1128 (9th
2 Cir. 2006) the Ninth Circuit held that California's parole statute creates a federal liberty interest
3 in parole under the mandatory-language analysis of *Greenholtz*, but preserves the argument,
4 which is pending en banc review in *Hayward v. Marshall*, 527 F.3d 797 (9th Cir. 2008).

5 8. Even if Hulsey has a federal liberty interest in parole, he received all due process to
6 which he is entitled under clearly established federal law because he was provided with an
7 opportunity to be heard and a statement of reasons for the Board's decision. *Greenholtz*, 442
8 U.S. at 16.

9 9. Respondent denies that the some-evidence standard is clearly established federal law in
10 the parole context. Respondent affirmatively alleges that Hulsey's contentions about the proper
11 some-evidence standard rely on regulations and *In re Scott*, 133 Cal. App. 4th 573 (2005),
12 instead of clearly established federal law, and thus are state law claims not properly before this
13 Court.

14 10. Respondent denies that the Board's 2006 decision violated Hulsey's federal due
15 process rights, was arbitrary, or was unsupported by any evidence.

16 11. Respondent affirmatively alleges that Hulsey makes state law claims not properly
17 before this Court when he contends that the Board failed to follow regulations, that he has served
18 beyond his minimum term because credits should apply to his sentence, and that there is no
19 evidence his commitment offense was particularly egregious. Respondent further affirmatively
20 alleges that Hulsey cites no clearly established United State Supreme Court law in support of
21 these contentions.

22 12. Respondent affirmatively alleges that the Board may deny parole based on unchanging
23 factors, and denies that such reliance violates due process. Respondent further affirmatively
24 alleges that the commitment offense is some evidence of unsuitability. Respondent also
25 affirmatively alleges that there is no clearly established federal law precluding a denial based on
26 unchanging factors.

27 13. Respondent affirmatively alleges that there is no clearly established federal law
28 requiring the Board to show that Hulsey is a current risk of danger to society. Respondent further

1 affirmatively alleges that the some-evidence standard is a judicial standard of review, not a
2 standard that the Board must apply to Hulsey's hearing.

3 14. Respondent denies that an evidentiary hearing is necessary. Hulsey's claims
4 can be resolved on the existing state court record. *Baja v. Ducharme*, 187 F.3d 1075, 1078 (9th
5 Cir. 1999).

6 15. Respondent denies that Hulsey is entitled to an order reversing his 2006 hearing or
7 requiring the Board to follow the letter and spirit of applicable law, regulations, and precedent, or
8 specifically limiting a re-hearing in any way. The remedy is limited to the process that is due,
9 which is a new Board hearing comporting with due process. *See, e.g., Benny v. U.S. Parole*
10 *Comm'n*, 295 F.3d 977, 984-85 (9th Cir. 2002) (a liberty interest in parole is limited by the
11 Board's exercise of discretion, and a due process error does not entitle an inmate to a favorable
12 parole decision).

13 16. Hulsey fails to state or establish any grounds for habeas corpus relief.

14 17. Except as expressly admitted in this Answer, Respondent denies the allegations of the
15 Petition.

16 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

17 INTRODUCTION

18 Hulsey claims that the Board's 2006 decision finding him unsuitable for parole violated his
19 due process rights. But Hulsey merely alleges a disagreement with the Board's decision, and
20 fails to establish that the state court decisions denying his due process claims were contrary to, or
21 an unreasonable application of clearly established federal law as determined by the United States
22 Supreme Court, or were based on an unreasonable determination of the facts. Thus, there are no
23 grounds for federal habeas relief.

24 ARGUMENT

25 I.

26 HULSEY HAS NOT SHOWN THAT HE IS ENTITLED TO RELIEF UNDER 27 AEDPA.

28 Under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) a federal court

1 may not grant a writ of habeas corpus unless the state court's adjudication was either: 1)
 2 "contrary to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established Federal law, as
 3 determined by the Supreme Court of the United States;" or 2) "based on an unreasonable
 4 determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented at the State Court proceeding."
 5 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1-2) (2000). Hulsey has not demonstrated that he is entitled to relief under
 6 this standard.

7 **A. Hulsey Has Not Shown that the State Court Decisions Were Contrary to**
 8 **Clearly Established Federal Law.**

9 As a threshold matter, the Court must decide what, if any, "clearly established Federal law"
 10 applies. *Lockyer v. Andrade*, 538 U.S. 63, 71 (2003). In making this determination, the Court
 11 may look only to the holdings of the United States Supreme Court governing at the time of the
 12 state court's adjudication. *Carey v. Musladin*, ___ U.S. ___, 127 S. Ct. 649, 653 (quoting
 13 *Williams v. Taylor*, 529 U.S. 362 (2000)). The only case in which the Supreme Court has
 14 addressed the process due in state parole proceedings is *Greenholtz*. *Greenholtz*, 442 U.S. 1.
 15 The Supreme Court there held that due process is satisfied when the state provides an inmate an
 16 opportunity to be heard and a statement of the reasons for the parole decision. *Id.* at 16. "The
 17 Constitution does not require more." *Id.*¹⁷ No other Supreme Court holdings require more at a
 18 parole hearing.

19 Hulsey does not contest that he received the *Greenholtz* protections. (*See generally* Pet.)
 20 Because *Greenholtz* was satisfied and *Greenholtz* is the only Supreme Court authority regarding
 21 an inmate's due process rights during parole proceedings, the state court decisions upholding the
 22 Board's denial were not contrary to clearly established federal law. Thus, the Petition should be
 23 denied.

24 Although Hulsey contends that some evidence must support the Board's decision, there is

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 26 1. The Supreme Court has cited *Greenholtz* approvingly for the proposition that the "level
 27 of process due for inmates being considered for release on parole includes an opportunity to be heard
 28 and notice of any adverse decision" and noted that, although *Sandin* abrogated *Greenholtz's*
 methodology for establishing the liberty interest, *Greenholtz* remained "instructive for [its]
 discussion of the appropriate level of procedural safeguards." *Austin*, 545 U.S. at 229.

1 no clearly established federal law applying the some-evidence standard to parole decisions. The
 2 Supreme Court has held that under AEDPA a test announced in one context is not clearly
 3 established federal law when applied to another context. *Wright v. Van Patten*, ___ U.S. ___ 128
 4 S. Ct. 743, 746-47 (2008); *Schriro v. Landrigan*, ___ U.S. ___, 127 S. Ct. 1933 (2007); *Musladin*,
 5 127 S. Ct. at 652-54; *see also*, *Foote v. Del Papa*, 492 F.3d 1026, 1029 (9th Cir. 2007); *Nguyen*
 6 *v. Garcia*, 477 F.3d 716, 718, 727 (9th Cir. 2007); *Crater v. Galaza*, 491 F.3d 1119, 1122 (9th
 7 Cir. 2007). The Supreme Court developed the some-evidence standard in the context of a prison
 8 disciplinary hearing, *Superintendent v. Hill*, 472 U.S. 445, 457 (1985), which is a fundamentally
 9 different context than a parole proceeding. Because the tests and standards developed by the
 10 Supreme Court in one context cannot be transferred to distinguishable factual circumstances for
 11 AEDPA purposes, it is not appropriate to apply the some-evidence standard of judicial review to
 12 parole decisions.

13 While the Ninth Circuit has applied the some-evidence standard to parole decisions, this is
 14 improper under AEDPA, and the issue is currently pending before an en banc panel of the Ninth
 15 Circuit. *Hayward*, 527 F.3d 797. AEDPA does not permit relief based on circuit case law.
 16 *Crater*, 491 F.3d at 1123, 1126 (§ 2254(d)(1) renders decisions by lower courts non-dispositive
 17 for habeas appeals); *Earp v. Ornoski*, 431 F.3d 1158, 1182 (9th Cir. 2005) (“Circuit court
 18 precedent is relevant only to the extent it clarifies what constitutes clearly established law.” . . .
 19 “Circuit precedent derived from an extension of a Supreme Court decision is not clearly
 20 established federal law as determined by the Supreme Court.”); *Duhaime v. Ducharme*, 200 F.3d
 21 597, 600-01 (9th Cir. 2000). Therefore, the Ninth Circuit’s use of the some-evidence standard is
 22 not clearly established federal law and is not binding on this Court. *See, e.g., Biggs v. Terhune*,
 23 334 F.3d 910 (9th Cir. 2003); *Sass*, 461 F.3d at 1128; *Irons v. Carey*, 505 F.3d 846, 851 (9th
 24 Cir. 2007).

25 Hulsey contends that the state court’s decision was arbitrary. (Mem. of Law at 13.) To
 26 the extent that this Court interprets this contention as meaning the that Board’d denial was
 27 arbitrary, the contention lacks merit. The Board’s findings and decision would be arbitrary if
 28 made seemingly at random without individualized consideration of Hulsey’s case. Here, the

1 Board individually considered Hulsey's pre- and post-conviction factors and therefore did not
2 make arbitrary findings or an arbitrary decision.

3 Similarly, Hulsey's additional claim that the Board's reliance on immutable factors
4 violates due process finds no support in Supreme Court precedent. Although the Ninth Circuit
5 has suggested that this might amount to an additional due process claim, *Biggs*, 334 F.3d at 917,
6 because there is no clearly established federal law precluding reliance on unchanging factors
7 federal habeas relief is not available. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d).

8 In sum, the only clearly established federal law setting forth the process due in the parole
9 context is *Greenholtz*. Hulsey does not allege that he failed to receive these protections.
10 Therefore Hulsey has not shown that the state court decisions denying habeas relief were contrary
11 to clearly established federal law.

12 **B. Hulsey Has Not Shown that the State Courts Unreasonably**
13 **Applied Clearly Established Federal Law.**

14 Habeas relief may only be granted based on AEDPA's unreasonable-application clause
15 where the state court identifies the correct governing legal rule from Supreme Court cases but
16 unreasonably applies it to the facts of the particular state case. *Williams*, 529 U.S. at 406. The
17 petitioner must do more than merely establish that the state court was wrong or erroneous. *Id.* at
18 410; *Lockyer*, 538 U.S. at 75. Respondent recognizes that the Ninth Circuit applies the some-
19 evidence standard as clearly established federal law, but even accepting that premise, Hulsey is
20 not entitled to federal habeas relief. Indeed, the California Supreme Court has adopted *Hill's*
21 some-evidence standard as the judicial standard to be used in evaluating parole decisions, *In re*
22 *Rosenkrantz*, 29 Cal. 4th 616 (2002), and Hulsey has not shown that the state courts
23 unreasonably applied the standard.

24 When, as here, the California Supreme Court denies a petition for review without
25 comment, the federal court will look to the last reasoned decision as the basis for the state court's
26 judgment. *Ylst v. Nunnemaker*, 501 U.S. 797, 803-04 (1991). In this case, the last reasoned
27 decision is the Tulare County Superior Court's order denying Hulsey's habeas petition. (Ex. 2.)
28 The superior court denied the petition, finding that "Petitioner has failed to state a basis for

1 relief" and "[i]t is clear from the record that there was more than enough evidence to justify the
2 denial of petitioner's parole." (Ex. 2 at 1, 2.) Hulsey's claim fails: he has not shown that the
3 superior court unreasonably applied *Hill*, but rather asks this Court to re-weigh his suitability.
4 Such a re-weighing has no basis in United States Supreme Court law.

5 **C. Hulsey Has Not Shown that the State Court Decisions Were**
6 **Based on an Unreasonable Determination of the Facts.**

7 Under § 2254(d)(2), habeas corpus can not be granted unless the state courts' decisions
8 were based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the
9 state court. The state courts' factual determinations are presumed to be correct, and the petitioner
10 has the burden of rebutting that presumption by clear and convincing evidence. 28 U.S.C. §
11 2254(e)(1).

12 Although Hulsey alleges that the Board's decision is not supported by the evidence, he
13 does not show that the state court made factual errors. Here the Tulare County Superior Court
14 found that "[t]he record shows that there were relevant facts upon which the Board . . . could and
15 did base their decision[]," and then listed facts relied on by the Board, including Hulsey's
16 commitment offense, history of alcohol abuse, and disciplinary history. (Ex. 2 at 2.) Hulsey has
17 not alleged by clear and convincing evidence that the factual determinations are incorrect. He
18 disagrees with the weight the Board assigned to the evidence. This disagreement does not entitle
19 Hulsey to federal habeas relief.

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CONCLUSION

Hulsey has not demonstrated that the state court decisions denying habeas relief were contrary to, or an unreasonable application of, United States Supreme Court authority, or based on an unreasonable determination of the facts. Thus, the Petition should be denied.

Dated: September 2, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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Case No.: U. S. D. C., N. D., San Francisco Div., C 08-1009 JSW

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*In Pro Per***

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on **September 2, 2008**, at San Francisco, California.

J. Baker

Declarant



Signature

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Part 1 of 2

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COUNTY OF TULARE

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Cleve Hulsey

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vs.

Board of Parole Hearings, et. al

Respondent

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

No. VHC 180809

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INSTRUCTIONS—READ CAREFULLY

- If you are challenging an order of commitment or a criminal conviction and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county that made the order.
- If you are challenging the conditions of your confinement and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county in which you are confined.
- Read the entire form *before* answering any questions.
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- ☐ A conviction ☐ Felony
- ☐ A sentence ☐ Credits
- ☐ Jail or prison conditions ☐ Prison discipline
- ☐ Other (specify): _____

1. Your name: Cleve Hulsey
2. Where are you incarcerated? Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, CA
3. Why are you in custody? ☒ Criminal Conviction ☐ Civil Commitment

Answer subdivisions a. through i. to the best of your ability.

- a. State reason for civil commitment or, if criminal conviction, state nature of offense and enhancements (for example, "robbery with use of a deadly weapon").

Murder, First Degree

- b. Penal or other code sections: 187
- c. Name and location of sentencing or committing court: Superior Court of California, County of Tulare

d. Case number: 27850

e. Date convicted or committed: March 28, 1990

f. Date sentenced: April 19, 1990

g. Length of sentence: 25 years to life

h. When do you expect to be released? unknown

- i. Were you represented by counsel in the trial court? ☒ Yes. ☐ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address:

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4. What was the LAST plea you entered? (check one)

☒ Not guilty ☐ Guilty ☐ Nolo Contendere ☐ Other: _____

5. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have?

☐ Jury ☒ Judge without a jury ☐ Submitted on transcript ☐ Awaiting trial

enhancement." (If you have additional grounds for relief, use a separate page for each ground. State ground 2 on page four. For additional grounds, make copies of page four and number the additional grounds in order.)

See attached petition

a. Supporting facts:

Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law. If you are challenging the legality of your conviction, describe the facts upon which your conviction is based. *If necessary, attach additional pages.* CAUTION: You must state facts, not conclusions. For example, if you are claiming incompetence of counsel you must state facts specifically setting forth what your attorney did or failed to do and how that affected your trial. Failure to allege sufficient facts will result in the denial of your petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.) A rule of thumb to follow is: *who did exactly what to violate your rights at what time (when) or place (where).* (If available, attach declarations, relevant records, transcripts, or other documents supporting your claim.)

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority (optional):

(Briefly discuss, or list by name and citation, the cases or other authorities that you think are relevant to your claim. If necessary, attach an extra page.)

See attached petition

a. Supporting facts:

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority:

b. Result: _____ c. Date of decision: _____

d. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

e. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

f. Were you represented by counsel on appeal? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known: _____

9. Did you seek review in the California Supreme Court? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Result: _____ b. Date of decision: _____

c. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

d. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

10. If your petition makes a claim regarding your conviction, sentence, or commitment that you or your attorney did not make on appeal, explain why the claim was not made on appeal:

N/A

11. Administrative Review:

a. If your petition concerns conditions of confinement or other claims for which there are administrative remedies, failure to exhaust administrative remedies may result in the denial of your petition, even if it is otherwise meritorious. (See *In re Muszalski* (1975) 52 Cal.App.3d 500 [125 Cal.Rptr. 286].) Explain what administrative review you sought or explain why you did not seek such review:

N/A

b. Did you seek the highest level of administrative review available? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Attach documents that show you have exhausted your administrative remedies.

commitment, or issue in any court? ☐ Yes. If yes, continue with number 13. ☒ No. If no, skip to number 15.

13. a. (1) Name of court: _____

(2) Nature of proceeding (for example, "habeas corpus petition"): _____

(3) Issues raised: (a) _____

(b) _____

(4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____

(5) Date of decision: _____

b. (1) Name of court: _____

(2) Nature of proceeding: _____

(3) Issues raised: (a) _____

(b) _____

(4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____

(5) Date of decision: _____

c. For additional prior petitions, applications, or motions, provide the same information on a separate page.

14. If any of the courts listed in number 13 held a hearing, state name of court, date of hearing, nature of hearing, and result:

15. Explain any delay in the discovery of the claimed grounds for relief and in raising the claims in this petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.)

N/A

16. Are you presently represented by counsel? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

17. Do you have any petition, appeal, or other matter pending in any court? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, explain:

18. If this petition might lawfully have been made to a lower court, state the circumstances justifying an application to this court:

N/A

I, the undersigned, say: I am the petitioner in this action. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing allegations and statements are true and correct, except as to matters that are stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Date: March 11, 2007


(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF TULARE

Cleve Hulsey,

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v.

Board of Parole Hearings, et al.,

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Case No.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

Petitioner hereby petitions for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and
by this verified petition states as follows:

I

INTRODUCTION

1. The Board of Parole Hearings [hereinafter Board] failed
to make its suitability determination in a manner consistent

1 with its obligation under the California Penal Code, California
2 Code of Regulations and settled California law. The Board's
3 decision failed to follow or apply controlling legal principles
4 and its own regulations in finding petitioner unsuitable for
5 parole, the decision was devoid of the "some evidence" required
6 by law, and was arbitrary and capricious resulting in a due
7 process violation of Article 1, §.7 of the California
8 Constitution and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the
9 United States Constitution. The Board violated the Due Process
10 Clause of the Fifth Amendment and the notice and jury trial
11 guarantees of the Sixth Amendment of the United States
12 Constitution. For these reasons the Board's finding that
13 petitioner is unsuitable for parole should be reversed.

14 II

15 PARTIES

16 2. Petitioner Cleve Hulsey is a prisoner of the State of
17 California and is currently incarcerated at the Correctional
18 Training Facility in Soledad, California.

19 3. Respondent Ben Curry is the Acting Warden of the
20 Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, California.

21 4. Respondent J. Dovey is the Director of the California
22 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations.

23 5. Respondent James Davis is the Chairperson of the Board
24 of Parole Hearings and is responsible for its operations.
25 (Penal Code § 5075.)

26 6. Respondent Arnold Schwarzenegger is the Governor of the
27 State of California and is responsible for the Board's
28 operation. (Penal Code §§ 5075, 3041.1 and 3041.2.)

III

STATEMENT OF FACTS

7. Petitioner was convicted of first degree murder on March 28, 1990, and sentenced to 25 years-to-life on April 19, 1990.

8. On May 9, 2006, Petitioner's Initial Parole Consideration Hearing was held before the Board. Petitioner was found unsuitable and denied parole for a period of three years.

9. Petitioner has no other plain or adequate remedy in the ordinary course of the law. This petition is addressed to this court's original habeas corpus jurisdiction because the issues raised are of constitutional dimension, questioning the legality of petitioner's confinement. A petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus based upon factual allegations to be determined by reviewing court is generally first brought in the Superior Court. (*In re Hillery* (1972) 202 Cal.App.2nd 293.) Petitioner alleges that the Board violated his due process rights by failing to find him suitable for parole, thus depriving him of a liberty interest. The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and the California Constitution, Article I, section 7, subdivision (a), prohibit the government from depriving an inmate of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Petitioner has been denied due process of law in violation of not only the United States Constitution but also the Constitution of the State of California, the California Penal Code, the California Code of Regulations, and established law. This is petitioner's first request for habeas relief, and thus is properly filed in this court.

10. The accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities

1 and factual allegations contained herein, as well as the exhibits
2 appended to this petition are incorporated herein by reference.

3 WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully prays that this Court:

4 A. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus directing the Director of
5 the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to inquire into
6 the legality of petitioner's incarceration;

7 B. Order the immediate release of the petitioner; or

8 C. Order the Board to schedule and commence a new term-
9 fixing hearing within thirty days, and to render a new
10 determination in strict accordance with both the letter and
11 spirit of the regulations and law;

12 D. Conduct an evidentiary hearing;

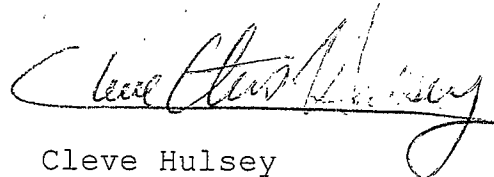
13 E. Appoint counsel;

14 F. Declare the rights of the parties; and

15 G. Grant any and all relief the court deems appropriate.

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17 DATED: March 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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20 Cleve Hulsey

Petitioner, In Pro Per

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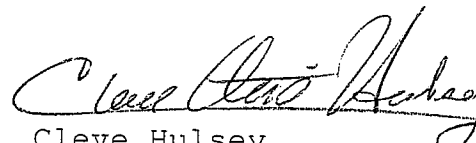
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VERIFICATION

I, Cleve Hulsey, state:

I am the petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing petition for writ of habeas corpus and the attached memorandum of points of authority, and the facts stated therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on my own information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Soledad, California on March 11, 2007.


Cleve Hulsey
Petitioner, In Pro Per

MEMORANDUM AND POINTS OF AUTHORITY

INTRODUCTION

"The Board of Prison Terms is authorized by statute to determine parole suitability, and to exercise its discretion in deciding whether to grant or deny parole." (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2000) 80 Cal.App.4th 409, 423; Penal Code, § 3040.)

Penal Code section 3041 sets forth criteria for determining parole and provides in pertinent part: "(a) ... One year prior to the inmate's minimum eligible release date a panel consisting of at least two commissioners on the Board of Prison Terms shall ... meet with the inmate and shall normally set a parole release date.... The release date shall be set in a manner that will provide uniform terms for offenses of similar gravity and magnitude in respect to their threat to the public, and that will comply with the sentencing rules that the Judicial Council may issue and any sentencing information relevant to the setting of parole release dates. The Board shall establish criteria for setting of parole release dates and in doing so shall consider the number of victims of the crime for which the prisoner was sentenced and other factors in mitigation or aggravation of the crime ... [¶] (b) The panel or board shall set a release date unless it determines that the gravity of the current convicted offenses, or the timing and gravity of current or past convicted offense, or offenses, is such that consideration of the public safety requires a more lengthy period of incarceration for this individual, and that a parole date, therefore, cannot be fixed at this meeting."

The California Code of Regulations (hereinafter CCR), title

1 15, division 2, chapter 3, article 11, section 2400 et seq. set
2 forth additional criteria for determining parole suitability for
3 persons found guilty of murders committed after November 7,
4 1978. Subdivision (a) of section 2402 provides: "The panel
5 shall first determine whether the life prisoner is suitable for
6 release on parole. Regardless of the length of time served, a
7 life prisoner shall be found unsuitable for and denied parole if
8 in the judgment of the panel the prisoner will pose an
9 unreasonable risk of danger to society if released from prison."

10 Subdivision (b) of section 2402 directs the Board to
11 consider "[a]ll relevant, reliable information available to the
12 panel ... in determining suitability for parole. Such
13 information shall include [(1)] the circumstances of the
14 prisoner's social history; [(2)] past and present mental state;
15 [(3)] past criminal history; including involvement in other
16 criminal misconduct which is reliable documented; [(4)] the base
17 and other commitment offenses, including behavior before, during
18 and after the crime; [(5)] past and present attitude towards the
19 crime; [(6)] any conditions of treatment or control, including
20 the use of special conditions under which the prisoner may
21 safely be released to the community; and [(7)] any other
22 information which bears on the prisoner's suitability for
23 release. Circumstances which taken alone may not firmly
24 establish unsuitability for parole may contribute to a pattern
25 which results in a finding of unsuitability."

26 Subdivision (c) of section 2402 sets forth the
27 "circumstances tending to show unsuitability" for parole, which
28 "include: [¶] (1) Commitment Offense. The prisoner committed

1 the offense in an especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner.
2 The factors to be considered include: [¶] (A) Multiple victims
3 were attacked, injured or killed in the same or separate
4 incidents. [¶] (B) the offense was carried out in a
5 dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-style
6 murder. [¶] (C) The victim was abused, defiled or mutilated
7 during or after the offense. [¶] (D) The offense was carried
8 out in a manner which demonstrates an exceptionally callous
9 disregard for human suffering. [¶] (E) The motive for the crime
10 is inexplicable or very trivial in relation to the offense. [¶]
11 (2) Previous Record of Violence. The prisoner on previous
12 occasions inflicted or attempted to inflict serious injury on a
13 victim, particularly if the prisoner demonstrated serious
14 assaultive behavior at an early age. [¶] (3) Unstable Social
15 History. The prisoner has a history of unstable or tumultuous
16 relationships with others. [¶] (4) Sadistic Sexual Offenses.
17 The prisoner has previously sexually assaulted another in a
18 manner calculated to inflict unusual pain or fear upon the
19 victim. [¶] (5) Psychological Factors. The prisoner has a
20 lengthy history of severe mental problems related to the
21 offense. [¶] (6) Institutional Behavior. The prisoner has
22 engaged in serious misconduct in prison or jail."

23 Subdivision (d) of section 2402 sets forth the
24 "circumstances tending to show suitability" for parole, which
25 "include: [¶] (1) No Juvenile record. The prisoner does not have
26 a record of assaulting others as a juvenile or committing crimes
27 with a potential of personal harm to victims. [¶] (2) Stable
28 Social History. The prisoner has experienced reasonable stable

1 relationships with others. [¶] (3) Signs of Remorse. The
2 prisoner performed acts which tends to indicate the presence of
3 remorse, such as attempting to repair the damage, seeking help
4 for or relieving suffering of the victim, or indicating that he
5 understands the nature and magnitude of the offense. [¶] (4)
6 Motivation for Crime. The prisoner committed his crime as the
7 result of significant stress in his life, especially if the
8 stress has built over a long period of time. ... [¶] (6) Lack of
9 Criminal History. The prisoner lacks any significant history of
10 violent crime. [¶] (7) Age. The prisoner's present age reduces
11 the probability of recidivism. [¶] (8) Understanding and Plans
12 for Future. The prisoner has made realistic plans for release
13 or has developed marketable skills that can be put to use upon
14 release. [¶] (9) Institutional Behavior. Institutional
15 activities indicate an enhanced ability to function within the
16 law upon release."

17 In *Rosenkrantz*, our Supreme Court held "that the judicial
18 branch is authorized to review the factual basis of a decision
19 of the Board denying parole in order to ensure that the decision
20 comports with the requirements of due process of law, but that
21 in conducting such a review, the court may inquire only whether
22 some evidence in the record before the Board supports the
23 decision to deny parole, based upon *the factors specified by*
24 *statute and regulation*. If the decision's consideration of the
25 specified factors is not supported by some evidence in the record
26 and thus is devoid of a factual basis, the court should grant
27 the prisoner's petition for writ of habeas corpus and should
28 order the Board to vacate its decision denying parole and

1 therefore to proceed in accordance with due process of law."

2 (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, emphasis added.)

3 In *Dannenberg* the Supreme Court held "In that regard, we
4 noted that 'the nature of the prisoner's offense, alone, can
5 constitute a sufficient basis for denying parole. [Citations.]'
6 (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 682.) While neither the
7 board nor the Governor may adopt a blanket no-parole policy for
8 particular offenses, we said, 'the [parole] authority properly
9 may weigh heavily the degree of violence used and the amount of
10 viciousness shown by a defendant.' (*Id.*, at p. 683.) [¶]

11 However, we cautioned, sole reliance on the commitment offense
12 might, in particular cases, violate section 3041, subdivision
13 (a)'s provision that a parole date 'shall normally be set' under
14 'uniform term' principles, and might thus also contravene the
15 inmate's constitutionally protected expectation of parole. We
16 explained that such a violation could occur, 'for example[,]
17 where no circumstances of the offense reasonable could be
18 considered more aggravated or violent than the minimum necessary
19 to sustain a conviction for that offense.' (*Rosenkrantz, supra*,
20 29 Cal.4th 616, 683.) Quoting *Ramirez, supra*, 94 Cal.App.4th
21 549, 570, we suggested that, in order to prevent the parole
22 authority's case-by-case suitability determinations from
23 swallowing the rule that parole should 'normally' be granted, an
24 offense must be 'particularly egregious' to justify the denial
25 of parole. (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, at 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg*,
26 (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1094-1095.)

27 The Supreme Court then held "As we have explained, however,
28 the Board must apply detailed standards when evaluating whether

1 an individual inmate is unsuitable for parole on public safety
2 grounds. (See § 3041, subd. (b); CCR § 2402.) When the Board
3 bases unsuitability on the circumstances of the commitment
4 offense, it must cite 'some evidence' of aggravating facts
5 *beyond the minimum elements of that offense.* (Rosenkrantz,
6 *supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 34
7 Cal.4th 1061, 1095.)

8 Therefore, the Board must follow and apply the standards
9 set forth above in determining that the circumstances of the
10 commitment offense were "particularly egregious" and support
11 that determination with "some evidence" in the record. As will
12 be shown below, the Board failed to meet this requirement, as
13 well as controlling legal principles, which resulted in a
14 violation of petitioner's due process rights and other state and
15 federal constitutional rights.

16 I

17 *Claim:* The Board failed to follow or apply the controlling
18 legal principles, the decision was devoid of the "some evidence"
19 required by law and was arbitrary and capricious, resulting in a
20 due process violation of Article I, § 7 of the California
21 Constitution and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment to the
22 United States Constitution.

23 *Argument:* In finding petitioner unsuitable for parole the
24 Board relied on CCR, § 2402, subdivisions (c)(1)(B), (c)(1)(D),
25 and (c)(1)(E), as "some evidence" that petitioner's crime was
26 "particularly egregious," making him unsuitable for parole, and
27 that he *currently* poses a threat to public safety if released at
28 this time.

1 First, a cursory review of the record in this case
2 demonstrates that the Board's decision was unreasonable under
3 the applicable "some evidence" rule. The record simply does not
4 contain any evidence that petitioner's first degree murder was
5 particularly egregious. Nor does the record contain any
6 evidence that petitioner is currently a threat to society.
7 Given that both findings are required by California Law, there
8 is zero evidence in the record to support the Board's decision.

9 Second, the nature of the offense may justify a denial of
10 parole if the crime was committed in an "especially heinous,
11 atrocious or cruel manner." An offense that was "no more
12 aggravated or violent than the minimum necessary to sustain a
13 conviction" for first degree murder does not justify a finding
14 of unsuitability for parole. (Rosenkrantz at p. 682.)

15 To guide this determination, CCR, § 2402, subd. (c)(1)(A)-
16 (E) establishes the specified criteria the Board must rely on to
17 demonstrate that a prisoner committed his offense in an
18 "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner." It is
19 axiomatic that absent the required "some evidence" supporting
20 any of the specified factors that decision would be arbitrary
21 and capricious and result in a due process violation.

22 Petitioner will demonstrate that each of the Board's
23 unsuitability findings failed to meet the specified regulatory
24 requirements.

25 A. The Board's finding that petitioner's crime was perpetrated
26 in a dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an
execution-style murder, lacks any supporting evidence.

27 CCR, § 2402 (c)(1)(B) states, "The offense was carried out
28 in a dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-

1 style murder."

2 In support of this factor the Board found, "It [the
3 commitment offense] was carried out in an especially cruel and
4 callous manner in that his crime partner, who I read in the
5 legal documents got life without the possibility of parole."
6 (Exhibit 1, Initial Parole Consideration Hearing Transcript, May
7 9, 2006 [hereinafter HT], p. 66, L 15:18.)

8 The relevant evidence does not merely fail to support but
9 refutes the conclusion that petitioner committed his offense in
10 a dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-
11 style murder.

12 The Probation Officer's Report [hereinafter POR] states,
13 "Circumstances in the presenting matter indicates that the
14 defendant and an alleged co-participant preplanned a robbery at
15 a rural Woodlake convenience store in order to obtain money with
16 which to buy beer." (Exhibit 2, POR, pp. 5-6.)

17 The circumstances of the offense, as noted by the Board,
18 were, "At some point Abele [the co-defendant] had began - had
19 begun to talk about robbing a store in Woodlake." (Exhibit 1,
20 HT, p. 16, L 11:14.)

21 During the Proceedings On Sentencing hearing, held on April
22 19, 1990, the Honorable Robert C. Van Auken, Judge, stated, "And
23 I realize that Mr. Hulsey was a participant by reason of the
24 aider and abettor rule, and that he was outside of the
25 particular store in question, and there was a young man, 17
26 years of age, behind a counter who's no longer on earth because
27 of the fact that Mr. Hulsey's cohort - however that occurred,
28 but apparently the gun went off and killed that individual."

1 (Exhibit 6, Proceedings On Sentencing, p. 14, L 4:12.)

2 To sum up the evidence and the circumstances of the offense
3 as reported in the record: 1) Petitioner, at worst, aided and
4 abetted a plan to commit an armed robbery; and 2) Petitioner was
5 found guilty of first degree murder based on the felony-murder
6 rule in that a person died during the commission of a robbery.
7 There is absolutely no evidence that petitioner premeditated or
8 planned to commit a murder. Was the robbery calculated? Yes.
9 Was the murder committed in an execution-style manner? No. Was
10 petitioner found guilty of special circumstances that could have
11 resulted in either life without the possibility of parole or the
12 death penalty? No. The judge convicted petitioner on the
13 felony-murder rule, which does not require malice or
14 premeditation.

15 The Board's finding that petitioner acted "in a
16 dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-style
17 murder" was wholly inconsistent for the record provides not a
18 scintilla of evidence in support. Because the record lacks even
19 the "modicum" of evidence required by law, the Board's decision
20 is arbitrary and capricious and resulted in a due process
21 violation.

22 B. The Board's finding that petitioner demonstrated an
23 exceptionally callous disregard for human suffering is not
supported by any evidence.

24 CCR, § 2402 (c)(1)(D) states, "The offense was carried out
25 in a manner which demonstrates an exceptionally callous
26 disregard for human suffering."

27 The Board stated, "The way it was carried out demonstrated
28 an exceptional callous disregard for human suffering in that a

1 life was taken for five dollars..." (HT, p. 67, L 22:25.)

2 All first degree murders by definition involve some
3 callousness - i.e., lack of emotion or sympathy, emotional
4 insensitivity, indifference to the feelings and suffering of
5 others. As noted, however, parole is the rule, rather than the
6 exception, and a conviction for first degree murder does not
7 automatically render one unsuitable." (*In re Smith* (2003) 114
8 Cal.App.4th 343, 366.) In *In re Ramirez* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th
9 549, as in this case, the Board denied a parole release date on
10 the basis of a finding that the nature of the inmate's offense
11 displayed a "callous disregard for human suffering." (*Id.* at pp.
12 558, 568.) Setting aside that determination, the court agreed
13 that "the gravity of the commitment offense or offenses alone
14 may be a sufficient basis for denying a parole application, so
15 long as the board does not fail to consider all other relevant
16 factors," *Id.* at p. 569, but attached an important caveat. As
17 the court explained, "[a]ll violent crime demonstrates the
18 perpetrator's potential for posing a grave risk to public
19 safety, yet parole is mandatory for violent felons serving
20 determinate sentences. (Pen. Code, § 3000, subd. (b)(1).) And
21 the Legislature has clearly expressed its intent that when
22 murderers - who are the great majority of inmates serving
23 indeterminate sentences - approach their minimum eligible parole
24 date, the Board 'shall normally set a parole release date.'
25 (Pen. Code, § 3041, subd. (a).) The Board's authority to make
26 an exception based on the gravity of a life term inmate's
27 current or past offenses should not operate so as to swallow the
28 rule that parole is 'normally' to be granted. Otherwise, the

1 Board's case-by-case rulings would destroy the proportionality
2 contemplated by Penal Code section 3041, subdivision (a), and
3 also the murder statutes, which provide distinct terms of life
4 without possibility of parole, 25 years to life, and 15 years to
5 life for various degrees and kinds of murder. (Pen. Code, § 190
6 et seq.)." (*Ramirez*, at p. 570.) Therefore, to demonstrate "an
7 exceptionally callous disregard for human suffering" (§ 2402,
8 subd. (c)(1)(D)) the offense in question must have been
9 committed in a more aggravated or violent manner than that
10 ordinarily shown in the commission of first degree murder.

11 *In re Van Houten* (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 339 illustrates the
12 sort of gratuitous cruelty required. The prisoner in that case
13 was involved in multiple stabbings of a woman with a knife and
14 bayonet. While she was dying, the victim was made aware her
15 husband was suffering a similarly gruesome fate. As stated by
16 the court, "[t]hese acts of cruelty far exceeded the minimum
17 necessary to stab a victim to death." (*Id.* at p. 351.) Other
18 examples of aggravated conduct reflecting an "exceptionally
19 callous disregard for human suffering," are set forth in Board
20 regulations relating to the matrix used to set base terms for
21 life prisoners (§ 2282, subd. (b)); namely, "torture," as where
22 the "[v]ictim was subjected to the prolonged infliction of
23 physical pain through the use of non-deadly force prior to act
24 resulting in death," and "severe trauma," as where "[d]eath
25 resulted from severe trauma inflicted with deadly intensity;
26 e.g., beating, clubbing, stabbing, strangulation, suffocation,
27 burning, multiple wounds inflicted with a weapon not resulting
28 in immediate death or actions calculated to induce terror in the

1 victim." (*Ibid.*) No such facts or anything remotely similar
2 are present in this case. As in *In re Smith, supra*, 114
3 Cal.App.4th 343, there is no evidence petitioner "tormented,
4 terrorized, or injured the victim before his crime partner shot
5 the victim, or that he gratuitously increased or unnecessarily
6 prolonged the victim's pain and suffering. As the *Scott* court
7 stated, "Was the crime callous? Yes. However, are the facts of
8 the crime some evidence that [he] acted with exceptionally
9 callous disregard for [the victim's] suffering; or do the facts
10 distinguished this crime from other [first] degree murders as
11 exceptionally callous? No. (*Id.* at p. 367.)" (*In re Scott*,
12 (2004) 119 Cal.App.4th 871, 891-892.)

13 Because the relevant evidence shows no more callous
14 disregard for human suffering than is shown by most first degree
15 murder offenses, the Board's use of this factor to conclude that
16 petitioner committed his offense "in an especially cruel and
17 callous manner" was arbitrary and capricious.

18 C. The Board's finding that petitioner's motive for the crime
19 was inexplicable lacks evidentiary support.

20 CCR, § 2402 (c)(1)(E) states, "The motive for the crime is
21 inexplicable or very trivial in relation to the offense."

22 The final factor relied upon by the Board was the motive
23 for the crime. The Board stated, "The way it was carried out
24 demonstrated an exceptional callous disregard for human
25 suffering in that a life was taken for five dollars, which the
26 motive for this crime is certainly inexplicable." (HT, p. 67, L
27 22:26.)

28 "The epistemological and ethical problems involved in the

ascertainment and evaluation of motive are among the reasons the law has sought to avoid the subject. As one authority has stated, '[h]ardly any part of penal law is more definitely settled than that motive is irrelevant.' (Hall, General Principles of Criminal Law (2d ed. 1960) at p. 88; see also Husak, *Motive and Criminal Liability* (1989) vol. 8, No. 1, *Crim. Justice Ethics* 3.) An 'inexplicable' motive is one that is unexplained or unintelligible, as where the commitment offense does not appear to be related to the conduct of the victim and has no other discernible purpose. A person whose motive for a criminal act cannot be explained or is unintelligible is therefore unusually unpredictable and dangerous." (Scott at pp. 892-893.) The finding that petitioner's motive was "inexplicable" ignores the evidence. Not even a "modicum of evidence" shows petitioner's motive was anything other than to commit a robbery, not a murder, and that his release would therefore pose a greater threat to society than the release of most life prisoners. To permit petitioner's motive to be used to deny him release would allow almost any motive to be used to deny a prisoner release, making a mockery of the legislative declaration that life prisoner are "normally" entitled to receive a release date shortly before they first become eligible for parole. (Penal Code, § 3041, subd. (a).)

As it was required to do, the Board considered whether petitioner was suitable for parole - that is, whether he presented an unreasonable risk of danger to society if released. (See Penal Code § 3041 (b); CCR, § 2402.) It decided that petitioner posed an unreasonable risk of danger (and, therefore,

1 was unsuitable for parole) because his crime was especially
2 heinous. While relying upon the nature of petitioner's crime as
3 an indicator of his dangerousness -- after nearly two decades of
4 incarceration -- violates due process because petitioner's
5 commitment offense has become such an unreliable predictor of
6 his present and future dangerousness that it does not satisfy
7 the "some evidence" standard. After nearly twenty years of
8 rehabilitation, the ability to predict a prisoner's future
9 dangerousness based simply on the circumstances of his or her
10 crime is nil. (See *Irons v. Warden of California State Prison -*
11 *Solano*, 358 F.Supp.2d 936, 947 n1 ["To a point, it is true, the
12 circumstances of the crime and motivation for it may indicate a
13 petitioner's instability, cruelty, impulsiveness, violent
14 tendencies and the like. However, after fifteen or so years in
15 the caldron of prison life, not exactly an ideal therapeutic
16 environment to say the least, and after repeated demonstrations
17 that despite the recognized hardships of prison, this petitioner
18 does not possess those attributes, the predictive ability of the
19 circumstances of the crime is near zero."] Even California
20 courts have said as much. (*In re Scott* (2005) 133 Cal.App.4th
21 573, 595 ["The commitment offense can negate suitability only if
22 circumstances of the crime reliably established by evidence in
23 the record rationally indicate that the offender will present an
24 unreasonable public safety risk if released from prison. Yet,
25 the predictive value of the commitment offense may be very
26 questionable after a long period of time."].)

27 Regardless of whether the Board ever was entitled to rely
28 upon the commitment offense to find that petitioner posed an

1 unreasonable risk of danger and was unsuitable for parole, in
2 the exceptional circumstances presented by this case, the
3 Board's reliance on the commitment offense violates due process
4 because it resulted in an arbitrary decision and because the
5 facts surrounding the offense do not now constitute "some
6 evidence" possessing "some indicia of reliability" that
7 petitioner poses a danger to the community.

8 Because there is no reliable evidence supporting the
9 Board's conclusion that petitioner is unsuitable for parole,
10 that determination violates due process.

11 II

12 *Claim:* The Board violated the Due Process Clause of the
13 Fifth Amendment and the notice and jury trial guarantees of the
14 Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

15 *Argument:* The Board, in finding petitioner unsuitable for
16 parole, relied on facts and elements of the crime that were
17 neither charged in the original indictment nor admitted by
18 petitioner. This is a violation of the Due Process Clause of
19 the Fifth Amendment and of petitioner's right to trial by jury
20 which offended the Sixth Amendment to the United States
21 Constitution. "Under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth
22 Amendment and the notice and jury trial guarantees of the Sixth
23 Amendment, any fact (other than prior conviction) that increases
24 the maximum penalty for a crime must be charged in an
25 indictment, submitted to a jury, and proven beyond a reasonable
26 doubt." (*Jones v. United States*, 526 U.S. 227, 244 (1999).) As
27 Justice Stevens, in his concurring opinion, stated, "I am
28 convinced that it is unconstitutional for a legislature to

1 remove from the jury the assessment of facts that increase the
2 prescribed range of penalties to which a criminal defendant is
3 exposed. It is equally clear that such facts must be
4 established by proof beyond a reasonable doubt." (*Id.* at pp.
5 252-253.)

6 The Board found that petitioner was unsuitable for parole
7 because it found the following "facts" proved that he posed an
8 unreasonable risk of danger to society if granted a parole
9 release date, and this increased the prescribed range of his
10 sentence.

11 The Board found that: 1) "The offense was carried out in
12 dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-style
13 murder" (Exhibit 1, HT, p. 66, L 15:18); 2) "The offense was
14 carried out in a manner which demonstrated an exceptional
15 callous disregard for human suffering" (Exhibit 1, HT, p. 67, L
16 22:25); and 3) "The motive for the crime is inexplicable or
17 very trivial in relation to the offense." (Exhibit 1, HT, p.
18 64, L 22:26.) The Board then extended petitioner's
19 incarceration period for at least another three years. (Exhibit
20 1, HT p. 81, L 3:4.)

21 "The Sixth Amendment by its terms is not a limitation on
22 judicial power, but a reservation of jury power. It limits
23 judicial power only to the extent that the claimed judicial
24 power infringes on the province of the jury. Indeterminate
25 sentencing does not do so. It increases judicial discretion, to
26 be sure, but not at the expense of the jury's traditional
27 function of finding the facts essential to lawful imposition of
28 the penalty. Of course indeterminate schemes involve judicial

1 factfinding, in that a judge (like a parole board) may
2 implicitly rule on those facts he deems important to the
3 exercise of his discretion. But the facts do not pertain to
4 whether the defendant has a legal right to a lesser sentence -
5 and that makes all the difference insofar as judicial
6 impingement upon the traditional role of the jury is concerned."
7 (*Blakely v. Washington*, 542 U.S. 206, 308-309 (2004).)

8 "The governing rule in this area was articulated by the
9 Supreme Court in *Greenholtz v. Inmates of Nebraska Penal*, 442
10 U.S. 1 (1979), and *Board of Pardons v. Allen*, 482, U.S. 369
11 (1987). *Greenholtz* and *Allen* established that, while '[t]here
12 is no constitutional or inherent right of a convicted person to
13 be conditionally released before the expiration of a valid
14 sentence[,]' *Greenholtz*, 442 U.S. at 7, a state's statutory
15 scheme, if it uses mandatory language, 'creates a presumption
16 that parole release will be granted' when or unless certain
17 designated findings are made, and thereby gives rise to a
18 constitutional liberty interest. *Id.* at 12; *Allen*, 482 U.S. at
19 377-78. The California parole scheme uses mandatory language
20 and is largely parallel to the schemes found in *Greenholtz* and
21 *Allen* to give rise to such an interest." (*McQuillon v. Duncan*,
22 306 F.3d 895, 901 (2002).)

23 "Under the 'clearly established' framework of *Greenholtz*
24 and *Allen*, we hold that California's parole scheme gives rise to
25 a cognizable liberty interest in release on parole. The scheme
26 'creates a presumption that parole release will be granted'
27 unless the statutorily defined determinations are made. *Allen*,
28 482 U.S. at 378 (quoting *Greenholtz*, 442 U.S. at 12.)" (*Id.* at

1 902.)

2 Petitioner would contend that his "statutory maximum"
3 period of confinement is 25 years based on the finding of facts
4 at the time of his trial. Petitioner has a legal right to a
5 sentence of less than life. The Board's reliance on facts not
6 charged in the indictment, proven beyond a reasonable doubt to a
7 judge or jury, or admitted by petitioner, resulted in a
8 constitutional violation of his Fifth and Sixth Amendment
9 rights. (See *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466, 490 (2000)
10 ["Other than the fact of a prior conviction, any fact that
11 increases the penalty for a crime beyond the prescribed
12 statutory maximum must be submitted to a jury, and proved beyond
13 a reasonable doubt"; see also *Ring v. Arizona*, 536 U.S. 584, 602
14 ["the maximum he would receive if punished according to the
15 facts reflected in the jury verdict alone"])quoting *Apprendi*,
16 *supra*, at 483).)

17 The facts relied on by the Board, had they been found
18 beyond a reasonable doubt by the judge, would have resulted in a
19 sentence of death or life without the possibility of parole. As
20 this was not the case, the Board's increase of petitioner's
21 sentence beyond the legally defined 25 years is a clear
22 violation of the United States Constitution.

23 Therefore, the decision of unsuitability should be reversed
24 and the Board should be ordered to schedule a new hearing at
25 which a parole release date will be set.

26 CONCLUSION

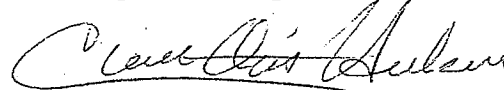
27 The California rules governing parole in murder cases, for
28 which parole eligibility is provided by statute, [See CCR §

1 2402] are as follows: "[P]arole eligibility is the rule, rather
2 than the exception." (*In re Scott*, *supra*, 119 Cal.App.4th at p.
3 891.) "[P]arole is 'normally' to be granted." (*Id.* [quoting
4 Penal Code § 3041 (a)].) The murder giving rise to the
5 prisoner's incarceration must be "particularly egregious" for
6 parole to be denied. (*In re Rosenkrantz*, *supra*, 29 Cal.4th at p.
7 683.) Indeed, a murder must be "heinous, atrocious or cruel"
8 if, as here, the offense is to serve as the basis for parole
9 denial. (CCR, § 2402 (c)(1).) In addition, in such cases, the
10 prisoner must presently present a danger to society. (Penal
11 Code § 3401 (b).) In short, in petitioner's case, the
12 circumstances surrounding the crime or the manner in which it
13 was committed must show not only that the first degree murder at
14 issue was more cruel or vicious than the ordinary first degree
15 murder, but also that petitioner would likely pose a current
16 risk to public safety if released. The record in this case
17 contains absolutely no evidence that would meet either of the
18 two requirements. Thus, there can be little doubt that the
19 Board violated the applicable rules when it denied petitioner
20 parole solely on the basis of his commitment offense.

21 All murders represent the basest form of human behavior.
22 Our laws, however, provide for mechanisms by which even
23 murderers, in limited circumstances, are entitled to be paroled.
24 The judiciary has an obligation to execute those laws. The
25 record establishes that petitioner does not pose an unreasonable
26 risk to public safety. Any contrary conclusion lacks any
27 evidentiary support. Therefore, petitioner prays that this
28 court will grant the petition for habeas corpus.

DATED: March 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



Cleve Hulsey
Petitioner, In Pro Per

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INITIAL PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

In the matter of the Life)
Term Parole Consideration)
Hearing of:)

CDC Number E-53226

CLEVE HULSEY)
_____)

**INMATE
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CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY

SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA

MAY 9, 2006

PANEL PRESENT:

TOM SAWYER, Presiding Commissioner
DAVID YACONO, Deputy Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

CLEVE HULSEY, Inmate
MARY ANN TARDIFF, Attorney for Inmate
DANIEL UNDERWOOD, Deputy District Attorney
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, Unidentified

CORRECTIONS TO THE DECISION HAVE BEEN MADE

No
Yes

See Review of Hearing
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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: And our tape is rolling.

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very good. This is an initial hearing for Mr. Cleve, C-L-E-V-E, Hulsey, H-U-L-S-E-Y, CDC number E as in Edward 53226. Today's date is Tuesday, May 9 and it's 2006. We're located at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad. Date received was 4-23-1990 from the County of Tulare. The offense is murder in the first degree with armed with a firearm, case number 27850. Count number one is 187 and 12022(a) PC. The term is 25 plus one to life. Minimum eligible parole date was 11-27-2000. And we have some other commitment offenses. In count two is robbery, first degree, 211 PC, Tulare County, same case number. Also an enhancement on that, armed with a firearm, 12022(a). And count three a burglary, 459 PC, Tulare County, same case in all those case numbers.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Excuse me, Commissioner, I think the minimum date is 2006. My handwriting version didn't but (indiscernible).

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Is that what they're saying. Okay. We're going to --

1 Let's verify that first of all.

2 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: What is it?

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Minimum
4 eligible parole date is 2006. I misstated that,
5 yes, thank you. Because on my legal status
6 report it says the year 2000 minimum eligible
7 parole date. I was going -- The next question I
8 was going to ask is what have you been doing
9 since 2000. But I've corrected it on my sheet
10 and corrected it in the record. This hearing is
11 being tape recorded. And for the purpose of
12 identification we are required to state our
13 first and last name, spelling our last name.
14 When it comes to your turn, after you spell you
15 last name then I want you to also give us your
16 CDC number. I'll start and go to my left. Tom
17 Sawyer, S-A-W-Y-E-R, Commissioner.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: David
19 Yacono, that's Y-A-C-O-N-O, Deputy Commissioner.

20 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Mary Ann Tardiff,
21 T-A-R-D-I double F, attorney for Mr. Hulsey.

22 INMATE HULSEY: Cleve Hulsey,
23 H-U-L-S-E-Y, E-53226.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
25 good. Thank you. Mr. Underwood.

26 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD:
27 Daniel Underwood, U-N-D-E-R-W-O-O-D, Deputy

3.

1 District Attorney, Tulare County.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank

3 you. We also have two correctional peace

4 officers in the room for security purposes.

5 Mr. Hulsey, before you taped to the table

6 underneath your file there is an ADA

7 self-identification statement which I'll ask you

8 to read out loud and then I'll ask you what it

9 means. Could you read that for us into the

10 record.

11 INMATE HULSEY:

12 "ADA, Americans With Disabilities

13 Act. The Americans With

14 Disabilities Act, ADA, is a law to

15 help people with disabilities.

16 Disabilities are problems that

17 make it harder for some people to

18 see, hear, breathe, talk, walk,

19 learn, think, work or take care of

20 themselves than it is for others.

21 Nobody can be kept out of public

22 places or activities because of a

23 disability. If you have a

24 disability, you have the right to

25 ask for help to get ready for your

26 BPT hearing, get to the hearing,

27 talk, read forms and papers and

1 understand the hearing process.
2 BPT will look at what you asked
3 for to make sure that you have a
4 disability that is covered by the
5 ADA and that you have asked for
6 the right kind of help. If you do
7 not get help or if you don't think
8 you got the kind of help you need,
9 ask for a BPT 1074 Grievance Form.
10 You can also get help to fill it
11 out."

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
13 What does that mean to you, sir?

14 INMATE HULSEY: It means if I got
15 problems understanding what's going on or
16 participating in the hearing then I can get
17 help.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That's
19 correct. Okay. I have a form, BPT Form 1073
20 which was signed by you on October -- looks
21 like, yeah, 30, 2002. And you indicate on here
22 you do not have a disability. Is that correct,
23 sir?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
26 Tell me about your glasses.

27 INMATE HULSEY: I'm nearsighted.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
2 you need those to see me or to read?

3 INMATE HULSEY: To see you.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

5 INMATE HULSEY: I can up close just fine.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
7 Very good. That would -- we would -- If you
8 didn't have those glasses, we may have to -- we
9 may have -- have to accommodate you. Okay. So
10 that is --

11 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
13 essentially -- disability. Okay. That's fine.
14 The information on this form is current and
15 correct?

16 INMATE HULSEY: As far as I can tell,
17 yes.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: As far as
19 you know, okay. I'm going to ask you some
20 questions. Do you have any problems walking up
21 and down stairs or for distances of 100 yards or
22 more?

23 INMATE HULSEY: No.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
25 have any hearing impairments?

26 INMATE HULSEY: No.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Have you

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1 ever been included in Triple CMS or EOP
2 programs?

3 INMATE HULSEY: No.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How far
5 did you get through school?

6 INMATE HULSEY: Graduated high school and
7 took some college courses at Old Folsom when
8 they were available.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
10 Graduated high school outside?

11 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Did you
13 take any special education while you were
14 growing up?

15 INMATE HULSEY: No.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Suffer
17 from any disability that would prevent you from
18 participating in today's hearing?

19 INMATE HULSEY: No.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
21 good. Okay. I'm going to read the outline of
22 the hearing procedure. And as I read along
23 here, I'll be asking you if you understand some
24 of the critical areas. Okay.

25 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: This
27 hearing is being conducted pursuant to Penal

1 Code Sections 3041 and 3042 and the rules and
2 regulations of the Board of Prison Terms
3 governing parole consideration hearings for life
4 inmates. The purpose of the hearing today is to
5 consider your suitability for parole. In doing
6 so we'll consider the number and the nature of
7 the crimes you were committed for, your prior
8 criminal and social behavior and your behavior
9 and programming since your commitment. We've
10 had an opportunity to review your Central File
11 and you'll be given the opportunity to correct
12 or clarify the record. We'll consider your
13 progress since your commitment, your counselor's
14 report and your psychological report. Any
15 change in parole plans should be brought to our
16 attention. We'll reach a decision today and
17 inform you whether or not we find you suitable
18 for parole and the reasons for our decision. If
19 you are found suitable for parole, the length of
20 your confinement will be explained to you.
21 Before we go any further we want to advise you
22 that we expect you to be totally honest with us
23 today. You understand?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: If you do
26 not get a date today, the hearing will form a
27 foundation for all future hearings. If you do

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1 not get a date today, any false statements that
2 you make could have an adverse effect on your
3 ability to get a date in the future. Do you
4 understand?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Nothing
7 that happens here today will change the findings
8 of the court. We are not here to retry your
9 case. We're here for the sole purpose of
10 determining your suitability for parole. This
11 hearing will be conducted in two phases. I'll
12 discuss with you the crime that you're committed
13 for, your prior criminal and social history,
14 your parole plans and any letters of support or
15 opposition that may be in your file.

16 Commissioner Yacono will discuss with you your
17 progress since your commitment, your counselor's
18 report and your psychological evaluation. Once
19 that's concluded, the District Attorney and the
20 -- and your attorney will be given the
21 opportunity to ask you questions. Questions
22 from the District Attorney will be -- actually
23 he'll ask the Board to ask -- ask you if he has
24 any questions. And your response then would be
25 to hear his questions so I don't have to repeat
26 it and then you respond back to us. Okay?

27 INMATE HULSEY: All right.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
2 we're acting as his questioner. Before we
3 recess for deliberations, the District Attorney,
4 your attorney and you will be given an
5 opportunity to make a final statement regarding
6 your suitability for parole. We'll then recess,
7 clear the room and deliberate. Once we've
8 completed our deliberation, we'll resume the
9 hearing and announce our decision. California
10 Code of Regulations states that regardless of
11 time served a life inmate shall be found
12 unsuitable and denied parole if in the judgment
13 of the Panel the inmate would pose an
14 unreasonable risk of danger to society if
15 released from prison. You have certain rights.
16 These rights include the right to a timely
17 notice of this hearing, the right to review your
18 Central File and the right to present relevant
19 documents. Ms. Tardiff, has the inmate's rights
20 been met?

21 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: They have.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You also
23 have the right to be heard by an impartial
24 Panel. Is there any objection to this Panel?

25 INMATE HULSEY: No.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
27 you. You'll receive a copy of our written

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1 tentative decision today. The decision is
2 subject to review by the Decision Review Unit
3 and by the entire Board meeting as a body. It
4 will become effective within 120 days. It's
5 also subject to review by the Governor. A copy
6 of the tentative decision and a copy of the
7 transcript will be sent to you. As of May 1,
8 2004 there were major changes limiting your
9 former rights to appeal Board decisions or
10 actions directly to the Board. Old Board
11 regulations were repealed. The current policy's
12 entitled Administrative Appeals, Correspondence
13 And Grievances Concerning Board Of Prison Terms
14 Decisions and it's available at the prison
15 library. The real important here, you are not
16 required to admit your offense or discuss your
17 offense if you do not wish to do so. However,
18 this Panel does accept as true the finding of
19 the court and you're invited to discuss the
20 facts and circumstances of the offenses if you
21 desire. The Board will review and consider your
22 prior statements you have made regarding the
23 offense in determining your suitability for
24 parole. Commissioner Yacono, is there any
25 confidential material?

26 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: No, Sir.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank

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1 you. Mr. Underwood, if you'd check your hearing
2 checklist, I'm going to pass mine to -- Exhibit
3 One to Ms. Tardiff. And I'm going to mark on it
4 that we do have a new psychiatric report.

5 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD: I do
6 have all the contents including the psychiatric
7 report which was faxed to me this afternoon.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
9 you.

10 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I have these documents
11 as well. I have nothing further to submit.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
13 Let the record reflect that you did bring in --
14 before we started the hearing today you did
15 bring in six pages of artwork.

16 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Correct.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That
18 Mr. Hulsey sells, you sell these?

19 INMATE HULSEY: I try.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You try.

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: But
23 you're not starving.

24 INMATE HULSEY: No.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. I
26 think I'll mention them right -- just right now
27 because I'm not sure where to put them. And I

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1 don't want -- certainly don't want to lose them.
2 He's got -- He's got his name, address and CDC
3 number and where he lives. And it says
4 Mr. Cleve Hulsey has sent us two magnificent
5 drawings which are able -- which are please --
6 which we are pleased to post. Who's posting
7 these?

8 INMATE HULSEY: It's a website,
9 prisoners.com. I'm not even sure if it's still
10 up and running. I haven't had any contact with
11 the person that runs it in almost a year.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: I see.

13 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: We need
15 to take a short recess.

16 [Off the record]

17 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: It's not a good way to
18 start out your initial hearing.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
20 We're back on tape. The reason we stopped the
21 tape and took about a five minute recess to talk
22 about a potential legal conflict or discipline
23 conflict. But for the purpose of this hearing
24 we're not going to expand on that. I do want to
25 recognize the fact that I do have the six pages
26 of six different drawings. You drew all of
27 these?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And

3 what's the medium?

4 INMATE HULSEY: Some of them, -- Three of
5 them are penned in ink and three are pencil.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And I
7 think we all were impressed by your artistic
8 ability. These are dynamite.

9 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:

11 Absolutely dynamite. Don't you agree,
12 Commissioner?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Absolutely.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So I
15 guess we can include that in a marketable skill
16 down the road.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: I think
18 definitely graphic arts category.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Right.
20 Okay. Very good. Do you have any preliminary
21 objections, counsel?

22 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I do not.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Will the
24 inmate be speaking with the Panel?

25 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Yes.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: On all
27 matters?

1 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: It's my understanding
2 he has no memory of the commitment offense.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
4 Then there you have it. Would you raise your
5 right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the
6 testimony you're about to give in this hearing
7 will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing
8 by the truth?

9 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
11 you. I'm going to be reading from the October
12 2005 calendar Board report, commitment offense,
13 summary of the crime, page one.

14 "On the morning of June 26, 1989
15 18-year-old Cleve Hulsey was
16 drinking beer with Charles Abele,
17 A-B-E-L-E, in Exeter. On the same
18 morning three minors, Michael
19 Darren, D-A-R-R-E-N, and Anthony
20 -- I'm sorry -- Michael and
21 because they're minors we have no
22 last name, Michael S., Darren S.
23 and Anthony C. were collecting
24 cans and had turned them in for
25 seven dollars. The three minors
26 were walking when Abele drove by
27 with Hulsey in Abele's car.

1 Hulsey and Abele stopped and asked
2 them if they would like to go
3 swimming at the lake. They
4 agreed. Abele used minors' seven
5 dollars and earnings to buy
6 gasoline and a 12-pack of beer.
7 Once they arrived at the lake,
8 everyone drank beer except
9 Michael. They swam for about one
10 and a half hours. Abele then
11 suggested that they go and get a
12 gun so they could target shoot.
13 After Anthony and Michael were
14 unsuccessful in their attempt to
15 get a gun, Hulsey suggested
16 borrowing a gun from his brother
17 Marvin. After driving to Marvin's
18 house, Hulsey, along with Abele,
19 walked inside. The three minors
20 remained outside in the car.
21 Abele and Hulsey told Marvin they
22 wanted to borrow the gun so they
23 could go shooting. Marvin was
24 hesitant to give them the gun
25 because it appeared Abele and
26 Hulsey had been drinking. Marvin
27 agreed to give them the gun but

1 first removed all the live rounds.
2 Hulsey and Abele left, placing the
3 gun in the trunk of the car. In
4 search of ammunition, the group
5 went to the home of Cody Grim,
6 G-R-I-M. Abele asked to borrow
7 three bullets from Cody. Hulsey
8 was present during parts -- during
9 part of this conversation. The
10 three minors remained in the car.
11 Cody gave Abele three bullets. At
12 some point Abele had began -- had
13 begun to talk about robbing a
14 store in Woodlake. Apparently for
15 this purpose Abele who -- was
16 driving headed towards Woodlake.
17 Darren asked Abele to stop so he
18 could relieve his bladder. Abele
19 pulled to the side of the road.
20 Darren went off into the bushes.
21 While Darren was in the bushes,
22 the gun was retrieved from the
23 trunk. Hulsey took over as the
24 driver and Abele sat in the front
25 passenger's seat. The three
26 minors remained in the back. At
27 this point, the three minors

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1 became frightened and asked to be
2 let out of the car. Abele refused
3 and Hulsey said there's not enough
4 gasoline to keep -- and kept
5 driving. Hulsey stopped the car
6 at the A&H Market to observe the
7 flow of customers at the market.
8 Hulsey waited for all the cars --
9 for all the cars to leave. Abele
10 went in -- Abele went in quickly
11 and returned to the car saying
12 there was no one in the store.
13 Lorenzo Valencia, V-A-L-E-N-C-I-A,
14 had gone to help his friend Amed,
15 A-M-E-D, last name of A-L dash
16 capital K-A-B-A-B-I, I'll spell it
17 again, A-L dash capital
18 K-A-B-A-D-I, who was working as a
19 clerk in the market. He was
20 helping Mr. Kabadi, Al-Kabadi in
21 the back of the store when
22 Al-Kabadi thought he saw a masked
23 person run in and out of the
24 store. The two went outside and
25 looked but saw no one. After
26 Abele returned to the car, Hulsey
27 drove off and returned to the

1 store -- then returned to the
2 store. The three minors were
3 crouched down in the backseat and
4 afraid of what might happen.
5 Abele again went into the market
6 armed with a rifle and a ski mask
7 pulled over his face. At this
8 time, Valencia and Al-Kabadi were
9 in the front of the store. Abele
10 pointed the gun at Al-Kabadi and
11 demanded money. Al-Kabadi gave
12 Abele five dollars and Abele shot
13 him in the chest, fatally wounding
14 him. Reportedly, a youthful --
15 the youthful clerk grabbed the
16 rifle at the front side causing
17 the firearm to discharge. When
18 Abele left the store, he was seen
19 by Barbara Bidwell, B-I-D-W-E-L-L,
20 and her daughter. Bidwell wrote
21 down the license plate number of
22 the car. Abele returned to the
23 car and said he shot someone for
24 five dollars. Abele told Hulsey
25 to take off. He did. The group
26 drove to another store where Abele
27 got out and purchased gas, beer

1 and cigarettes. Hulsey discovered
2 that one of -- discovered that one
3 of the casings in the gun was
4 used. He chewed on it and spit it
5 out the window. The group
6 returned to Exeter after dropping
7 off the three minors. Hulsey and
8 Abele returned the rifle to Marvin
9 Hulsey. Hulsey provided a
10 voluntary statement on June 28,
11 1989 -- initially claimed that
12 he'd suffered -- alcohol blackout
13 and was unable to recall his
14 activities. He subsequently
15 admitted that talk about
16 committing a robbery began while
17 they were at the river. He
18 acknowledged that it was his idea
19 to attempt to obtain a weapon from
20 his brother. He contended that he
21 was extremely intoxicated at the
22 time and that the amount of
23 alcohol consumed impaired his
24 judgment. He told authorities, I
25 was drunk out of my mind."

26 In your version it says you stated that you were
27 drunk and doesn't remember anything. But you do

1 remember getting the gun, right? That's what it
2 says here.

3 INMATE HULSEY: I don't remember anything
4 after leaving the river.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: After
6 leaving the river?

7 INMATE HULSEY: After leaving the lake,
8 no.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
10 remember talking about -- at the lake about
11 getting a gun from your brother to Abele? Maybe
12 I'll ask this question, what do you remember?
13 You remember -- with other guys at the -- at the
14 river?

15 INMATE HULSEY: I remember going up there
16 and swimming for a little while. Then we're all
17 sitting around drinking. And Charles said it
18 was time to go or something like that, something
19 to that effect.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And then
21 you don't remember anymore?

22 INMATE HULSEY: After that, no, it was
23 all --

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How much
25 did you have to drink?

26 INMATE HULSEY: A lot.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Well you

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1 bought a six-pack, right, or a 12-pack?

2 INMATE HULSEY: That was with him.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: With the
4 original seven dollars.

5 INMATE HULSEY: When we met the minors,
6 yeah.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah.

8 Okay. Had you been drinking prior to that?

9 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What were
11 you drinking prior?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Beer.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You drink
14 anything else?

15 INMATE HULSEY: No.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do any
17 dope?

18 INMATE HULSEY: No, not that I can
19 remember. I think at some point someone lit up
20 a joint and passed it to me. And I thought it
21 was a cigarette so I might have took a hit or
22 two off of it. But I was never really into
23 that.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
25 The aggravating factors in this case, had an
26 opportunity -- "Hulsey had an opportunity to
27 cease by continued with the crime. The murder

1 was senseless, served no purpose in completing
2 the crime and a weapon, the rifle was used.
3 Mitigating factors. Hulsey has minimal or no
4 history of criminal behavior." And as I see
5 here, at age 15 and again at 17 attended
6 meetings of Narcotics Anonymous following
7 arrests for minor in possession of alcohol and
8 public intoxication. When did you start
9 drinking? What age?

10 INMATE HULSEY: It was before I started
11 high school. It was actually the summer between
12 eighth grade and my freshman year in high
13 school.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Why was
15 that?

16 INMATE HULSEY: You know what, I have no
17 idea.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You don't
19 know why you were drinking?

20 INMATE HULSEY: No, none whatsoever. I
21 don't know why I started. I claim peer
22 pressure, but that's not a good excuse. That's
23 terrible.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And did
25 you do any drugs during that period of your
26 life?

27 INMATE HULSEY: No.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You had
2 to think about it.

3 INMATE HULSEY: I tried marijuana one
4 before earlier when I was younger and didn't
5 like it.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah.
7 Have you tried meth or LSD or --

8 INMATE HULSEY: No, no.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: -- coke?

10 INMATE HULSEY: Nothing like that.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: PCP?

12 INMATE HULSEY: No.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

14 You were the seventh of eight children born to
15 your parents Coy and Martha Hulsey.

16 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Siblings
18 included four brothers and three sisters.

19 Family is very close and supportive. Graduated
20 from Kaweath --

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --

23 K-A-W-E-A-T-H -- High School in Exeter.

24 Reportedly enlisted in the Navy following

25 graduation in June of 1989 but was discharged as

26 a consequence of the arrest in the present case.

27 His employment history was limited to -- for the

1 most part due to his age time of arrest. You
2 were 18 at the time, right?

3 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: He
5 acknowledged a problem with alcohol abuse.
6 Reported that he began consuming alcohol,
7 intoxicants about four years before his arrest
8 and then -- and that until his arrest in the
9 instant matter he consumed alcoholic beverages
10 on a daily basis frequently just to get drunk.
11 Indicates previous participation in alcohol
12 abuse counseling. That didn't do much good
13 then, huh? He reported that at 15 and 17 he
14 attended Narcotics Anonymous following arrests
15 for possession of alcohol and public
16 intoxication. Was that a condition of the
17 arrest?

18 INMATE HULSEY: Sorry, what?

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Was that
20 a condition of the -- of the probation --
21 probation?

22 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That you
24 -- Did you do any time in juvenile hall?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Nope.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: They just
27 took you home?

1 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, took me back to my
2 parents.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: All
4 right. Write you a ticket?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I think so.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Regarding
7 the use of controlled substance, acknowledge
8 prior experimentation with marijuana. Indicated
9 that he's used the substance infrequently,
10 claiming that he tried once when he was 15 and
11 on the date of the offense now before the court.
12 Okay. Your future plans, well let me ask you
13 this before I get off your personal -- who
14 visits with you?

15 INMATE HULSEY: At the moment, my mother
16 and my sister. My oldest sister.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And
18 where's your father?

19 INMATE HULSEY: He's not able to travel
20 as well as he used to.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: He's
22 infirmed?

23 INMATE HULSEY: Kind of, yeah. He's
24 getting up there.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How old
26 is he?

27 INMATE HULSEY: Late 60's.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

2 Retired?

3 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How's
5 your mom's health?

6 INMATE HULSEY: It's fair.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

8 And your sister, your oldest sister --

9 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: -- visits
11 with you? How about your other siblings?

12 You've got six other ones.

13 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, they have lives.

14 They'd come if they could, but --

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do they
16 write?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Sometimes. Infrequently.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Phone
19 calls?

20 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I call them quite a
21 bit.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Are you
23 in touch -- Everybody's okay? Nobody's in
24 prison?

25 INMATE HULSEY: No, no one. I'm the only
26 one.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

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1 Did you conceive any children?

2 INMATE HULSEY: No.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. Do
4 you have a girlfriend now?

5 INMATE HULSEY: No.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: No. No
7 wife?

8 INMATE HULSEY: No.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
10 Your future plans include a primary residence.
11 You plan to live with your mother Coy and your
12 father Coy -- Martha Hulsey in Exeter. It this
13 the old family home?

14 INMATE HULSEY: Yep.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: On West
16 Maple Street?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Yes, Sir.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Also has
19 other family members who'd be willing to help
20 him and keep him on the straight and narrow.
21 Hulsey states he can do practically anything in
22 construction. His brother Coy Albert Hulsey is
23 an independent contractor who would give me a
24 job. And you don't have any INS holds on you.
25 Okay. Let's look at your letters. I did
26 receive a letter today from the County of
27 Tulare, the Office of the Sheriff/Coroner Bill

1 Whitman.

2 "The Sheriff's Office, citizens of
3 Tulare County strongly oppose the
4 release of Cleve Hulsey. He's
5 convicted of murder first degree
6 and justice -- not be served
7 unless he serves his entire
8 sentence. Because of the serious
9 nature of the crime we
10 respectfully request you keep
11 Hulsey incarcerated for the crime
12 as long as legally possible."

13 Okay. Then I have a handwritten letter received
14 on November 14, 2005.

15 "I'm writing this for my brother.
16 I'm the oldest brother of four
17 brothers and three sisters. Large
18 family. I'm the boss of a
19 construction crew. I would give
20 my brother a job when he gets out.
21 I also own my own home and Cleve
22 can live with me and my family.
23 If Cleve needs money or help with
24 anything, I can -- I can and will
25 help him. I know Cleve won't be a
26 threat to anyone. He will obey
27 the laws. I know he's learned

1 from his mistake. All his family
2 is willing to help any way they
3 can. We all live close where
4 Cleve was raised. We would love
5 to have him home. Cleve will be
6 took care of by all the family."

7 And he gives -- He lives in Farmersville. How
8 close is that to Exeter?

9 INMATE HULSEY: I think it's about three
10 miles.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. I
12 have a letter undated, this is Shirley Cotta.
13 This is your -- This is your aunt. C-O-T-T-A.
14 Says -- Says you're a nephew.

15 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. I never got a copy
16 of this.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Aunt
18 Shirley.

19 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
21 Always been a good person, very decent, law
22 abiding citizen. If released to the community,
23 his attitude, behavior, maturity is excellent.
24 Very proud of Cleve. Cleve has wonderful
25 parents. Stood by him all the way. Shirley
26 Cotta and she gives a phone number. And then
27 from Albuquerque, New Mexico dated September 22,

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1 '05, this is from Margaret Trujillo,
2 T-R-U-J-I-L-L-O. I'm the sister of Cleve
3 Hulsey. We've grown up together. I'm only
4 three years younger than him. She talks about
5 what a great guy you are. He's never been in
6 trouble. I still remember when he came home
7 that afternoon. He'd been drinking. He had a
8 big cut on the bottom of his foot. How did you
9 cut you foot?

10 INMATE HULSEY: I have no idea.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. Do
12 you remember her cleaning it up and --

13 INMATE HULSEY: Nope.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
15 you felt no pain, huh. Do you remember when you
16 sobered up that you had a cut on your foot?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I think so. It was
18 a long time ago.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
20 She talks about you. Has always kept a steady
21 job. She feels you've been rehabilitated, speak
22 with him frequently over the phone. Loving and
23 caring, has many job opportunities if given the
24 chance. He's a great artist, a hard worker. "I
25 will help him find a great job or go to school,
26 get his college degree in any field he desires.
27 I know that my children are looking forward to

1 meeting their Uncle Cleve outside the prison
2 walls someday." And she's just very, very
3 supportive here. Thank you for taking care of
4 my brother for all these years. You're welcome.
5 The utmost trust and belief in your decision,
6 trust you'll see my brother outside prison soon.
7 It's a very nice letter. She writes a good
8 letter. What does she do for a living?

9 INMATE HULSEY: She is -- I think she's a
10 receptionist at a major hotel, hotel resort in
11 Albuquerque.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. I
13 have a handwritten letter on 9-2-05 from your
14 mother. Talks about the large family, talks
15 about where you were born. Unfortunately, the
16 copy machine cut off both ends of the sentences
17 so I know -- I have no problems with him. Does
18 anybody have a better copy? Do you have the
19 original letter for this?

20 INMATE HULSEY: No, all I ever get are
21 the photocopies.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
23 It's a terrible copy. Let me -- I'm looking for
24 the offer to come home and live with her. I'm
25 sure it's here.

26 INMATE HULSEY: Oddly enough my copy
27 hasn't been cut off.

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1 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: He's got --

2 INMATE HULSEY: I got a copy.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You got a
4 better copy?

5 INMATE HULSEY: This copy's got both
6 sides.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Can I
8 borrow that? Okay.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: I have the
10 original.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You have
12 the -- this is -- This is fine.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah,
15 it's clearly a bad copy in his file. Okay. She
16 talks about your history, no problems with him.
17 That's not entirely true. She knew about you
18 getting arrested for drinking. Graduated from
19 -- was speaker of his class. Were you
20 valedictorian?

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, but it was a very
22 small class. There was only like about eight or
23 nine graduating students.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You were
25 tops, huh. You had also joined the Navy as I
26 read before. Loves to draw. We know that.
27 He's sold some of his work. He will be -- This

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1 is what I'm looking for. He will be living with
2 myself and his dad and his two twin nephews who
3 are 14-years-old. She's caring for some
4 nephews?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Why is
7 that?

8 INMATE HULSEY: Long story.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Can you
10 make it like one sentence? Your sister or your
11 brother?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Sister got pregnant too
13 early, couldn't take care of them.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

15 INMATE HULSEY: Gave them to mom and dad
16 to keep them in the family.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
18 Very good. Certainly commendable from your mom
19 and dad's point of view. Fourteen-year-olds,
20 she obviously needs you home. They could be a
21 handful. They've visited with you?

22 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You know
24 them?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
27 Your dad's been sick. High blood pressure and

1 the gout. Using a breathing machine. We're
2 getting old. He's 68, she's 66. Okay. Nice
3 letter. I don't want to lose that
4 (indiscernible). Okay. Then I have a letter,
5 two-page letter from Hazel Lopez, Farmersville.
6 Who's Hazel Lopez? Your sister?

7 INMATE HULSEY: My sister, yeah.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
9 This is your older sister. Talks about your
10 history. He's grown up a lot, understands what
11 happened, was very wrong, feels if he could
12 change it, he would. He's learned a lot. And
13 will not break any laws. Is a very decent
14 person. He tries to help us with our problems
15 by talking with us. I know when he gets out, be
16 right there when any of us need him or his help.
17 She thinks you've improved. Says you're
18 respectful. Okay. Here's what I'm looking for.

19 "My husband and I are more than
20 willing to help my brother in any
21 way he needs in housing, money,
22 transportation. We will help him
23 find work. My husband's company
24 is always looking for help. He's
25 willing to give Cleve a job. My
26 brother means everything to us.
27 Love to have him come home again.

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1 Family hasn't been complete since
2 this happened. We miss him
3 badly."

4 And that's signed by Hazel Lopez. What does her
5 husband do?

6 INMATE HULSEY: He works for an
7 irrigation company installing pumps, at least
8 that's what he did when I was out there. I'm
9 pretty sure he's still doing that. I think he
10 might have moved up.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
12 And I have a letter, another poorly copied
13 letter. Could you find me a letter that's dated
14 8-23-05 from someone, Lemus. Is there a Lemus?

15 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What's
17 her first name or his first name?

18 INMATE HULSEY: It's Mark Lemus.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Mark
20 Lemus and who's that?

21 INMATE HULSEY: He's just a friend.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Just a
23 friend.

24 INMATE HULSEY: And about the only one I
25 got left.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah,
27 addressed to Studebaker. Sending this letter on

1 behalf of Cleve Hulsey. Known all of our
2 childhood lives. I believe he would be a law
3 abiding citizen -- released in the community.
4 Good decent young man. I'm sure he's learned a
5 very tough lesson. He's matured and aged
6 (indiscernible) ready to get on with his life.
7 I'm willing to help with transportation when
8 needed. Also ready to see his friend -- be his
9 friend once -- once again and help him adapt to
10 public work. Mark Lemus. Very nice letter.
11 What does Mr. Lemus do for a living?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Last I heard he was
13 working for a plastics company. Not exactly
14 sure what he was doing.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You were
16 kind of a hippie then, weren't you?

17 INMATE HULSEY: What's that?

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You were
19 kind of a hippie. I'm looking at your pictures
20 in your C-File back in '93.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: This is --
22 he came in.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Back in
24 '90 you had semi-long hair but you -- really got
25 long in '93. Okay. You have any additional
26 letters that you'd like to share with us?

27 INMATE HULSEY: No.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: At this
2 time. None, okay. Very good. I'll turn it
3 over to Commissioner Yacono.

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay.
5 Because this is the initial hearing we have a
6 lot of ground to cover. And I'm going to try
7 and make sure that I hit all the points, all the
8 documents but I'm going to also, during this
9 timeframe and before we get done, I'll ask you
10 and your attorney if there's anything additional
11 if some of the facts don't jive quite right.
12 Because I have a couple of question marks on
13 these. But I'm going to try and run through
14 this as close to chronologically as I can on
15 some of the -- especially on the work and the
16 self-help group area. You got a lot of material
17 to cover on this one. So what I'm looking at is
18 the Central File, a life prisoner evaluation
19 report prepared for the October '05 calendar by
20 Correctional Counselor J. Studebaker and signed
21 off on 7-20-2005. Now, the post-conviction
22 reports, Correctional Counselor (indiscernible)
23 signed off 3-10-93 and covered the period
24 4-23-90 until 3 of '93. Then Correctional
25 Counselor Jordine (phonetic) signed off 3-14-96
26 for the period of 3-1-93 through 3-3-96.
27 Correctional Counselor Donnelly signed off

1 1-27-99 on a report from 3-96 to January of '99.
2 Then E. Washington was the correctional
3 counselor on a report signed 10-29-02 covering
4 the period of 2-99 until 3 of '02. And I have a
5 month break. But from April of '02 until
6 July 20, '05 signature date by Correctional
7 Counselor Studebaker. Looking at psychiatric
8 evaluation prepared by Dr. Merrick, Ph.D., April
9 25, 2006, and I see one prior from a Dr. Larson,
10 M.D., dated 2-25-93. The documentation hearings
11 show me April 27, '93, April 2, '96, April 14,
12 '99, November 7, 2002. Obtain -- The
13 recommendations. Obtain vocational trades, stay
14 disciplinary-free, participate in self-help
15 programs and the '96 specified AA. The records
16 reflect that coming into Department of
17 Corrections on 4-23-90 at DVI reception center,
18 then 5-22-90 to Folsom, 8-3-93 to Lancaster as a
19 Close B. You started off at Close A with 67
20 points. Then 9-14-93, Corcoran, was a Close B.
21 Pleasant Valley, 11-39-93, Close -- Close B.
22 And then here to Soledad on 5-28-93 as a
23 Medium A. Nine one of '98, Close B. Four
24 thirteen of 2000, Medium A where you are today.
25 Your points range from the high 67 when you came
26 in, dropping steadily and then November 16, '99
27 I'm seeing 11 points. It used to be you could

1 go to zero but 19 is minimum now. But it looks
2 like you've been pretty much -- low points since
3 '99. I see an April 29, '99 at 25 and then by
4 November you're 11. And from that point on it's
5 been minimal points. The one thing I don't see
6 is any vocational instruction. Am I missing
7 something? Ever done any voc?

8 INMATE HULSEY: No.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. You
10 need to be in graphic arts. Anyhow, the
11 academic education. We do have your diploma
12 from your high school and that graduation date
13 was June 9, '89. In 1990 we did an assessment
14 of you. Your level at that time was 12.9 which
15 is as high as we do. There are some other
16 notations in there and I put it under academic.
17 I probably should have put it under laudatory
18 because I read it a couple of times. But I'd
19 already written it. Reader I, 7-17-91,
20 satisfactory or exceptional ratings on that.
21 And then what I found later on is basically
22 you're doing like books for the blind.

23 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: So get that
25 on the record even though it's in the wrong
26 category. I do note college classes. You got
27 three semester units in English with grades of B

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1 as of a chrono 6-19-91 and psychology one, three
2 units with A grade and that was 6-10-91. So you
3 took pretty much six units all at the same time.

4 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO:
6 Correspondence?

7 INMATE HULSEY: No, they actually had
8 college instructors coming into Old Folsom at
9 the time.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: That's
11 right. You were at Folsom then. Okay. All
12 right. This is where it gets hard. It's good
13 for you. It's hard for me. First entry I show
14 is assignment to the dental lab on 8-11-92
15 showing satisfactory or exceptional ratings.
16 Then I show a Corcoran work crew October '94
17 through November 18, '94 and I show porter and
18 lieutenant's clerk December of '94 with evals
19 continuing January of '95. Then assignment to
20 the clothing room, January of '95, satisfactory
21 exceptional marks as of 4-17-96. Then I'm
22 showing a clerk 5-31-95 with exceptional grades;
23 5-15-98 which is -- I don't understand why the
24 dates flip flop but May of '98. I also found
25 one that I believe was 3-19-98 showing again
26 exceptional marks. I was a little confused on
27 that one so I put on the clerk. Then I'm

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1 showing PIA textiles 6-13-98 through 9-1-98.
2 Reassignment to porter in '99 with evals
3 4-20-2000, 7-6-2000 at satisfactory. Now, I had
4 one in here as well that show me 11-16-99 you
5 were put out of the assignment based on 128(g)
6 of 4-2-2000. So I'm confused how you're getting
7 good grades, good marks on your work but it
8 seems like you were put out. But obviously they
9 must have put you back in again for the porter
10 duties. Okay. And this is where I got
11 contradictory. I'm showing a patio clerk
12 1-12-2001 but I'm showing the date as sergeant's
13 work crew.

14 [Thereupon, the tape was turned over.]

15 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. All
16 right. So again my problem is I got patio
17 clerk, showing me evals and then I've got
18 sergeant's work crew. And it seems to be kind
19 of the same timeframe for the work crew,
20 3-12-02, above average. Then I'm showing
21 July 26, August 9 and August 31 for the patio
22 clerk, above average. Is sergeant's work crew
23 and patio clerk kind of the same?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. So
26 I've got dates from two different sources. Next
27 I'm showing, confusing again, because I'm

1 showing you as watch clerk May 18, 2002 with
2 above average evaluation on 8-6-2002. Then a
3 movement to statistics clerk, 4-22-04,
4 satisfactory and above, 6-1-2004. Then the
5 watch commander's clerk, 6-5-04. Again, how do
6 we get a satisfactory evaluation or you got a
7 satisfactory evaluation or above, noting
8 4-14-05, 4-6-05, 4-20-05 and then 5-31-05
9 exceptional. And then I got nothing for the
10 last year. What have you been doing for the
11 last year?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Up until January of this
13 year I was in the same job. I was a clerk, the
14 patio clerk or watch commander's clerk. And as
15 of January of this year, I think it was
16 effective January this year, it might have been
17 late last year, I was put in the dental lab.
18 They have a dental lab here. A position came
19 open and I went back in there.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: And I'm not
21 seeing any chronos for it, which is a little
22 unfortunate. This is your initial, but it makes
23 sense. Will suffice it to say that you have
24 never gotten less than a satisfactory
25 evaluation. You know what, I did see something
26 for January.

27 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: There was an AA

1 chrono.

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Thank you.
3 For that same timeframe?

4 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: One three '06.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: All right.
6 Okay. While we're talking about self-help and
7 specifically AA, I've got one chrono showing me
8 10-4-97, participation, and then a December 31,
9 '97. From there I've got nothing until July
10 2001. Is there a break there? What happened?

11 INMATE HULSEY: In -- What was it, '97?

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: So we're
13 talking '98, '99, 2000 and it looks like
14 probably the first two quarters of 2001 or the
15 first quarter of 2000 --

16 INMATE HULSEY: That's when I was
17 transferred here from Pleasant Valley.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Got it.

19 Okay. Then I'm showing chronos July '01,
20 October, December '01, April '02, July '02,
21 September '02, December '02. I don't show
22 anything in '03. There was something 4-03 but
23 it may be a reference but it wasn't specific.
24 And then 7-03, 10-3, January '04, April '04,
25 July, October, December '04. Then I don't show
26 anything for first and second quarter of 2005.
27 Then I got a January 3, '06 which refers to

1 third and fourth quarter for AA. So we had a
2 break for first and second quarter in 2005?

3 INMATE HULSEY: I think there might have
4 been in between sponsors. I'm not sure why I
5 never got a chrono.

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. And
7 anything since January of this year?

8 INMATE HULSEY: I haven't been able to
9 go. Our facility's been locked down since
10 February 7.

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. Now,
12 I'm out of chronology here, but I want to do all
13 those -- that run. Pretty consistent AA
14 attendance. I've got a Men's Advisory Council,
15 March '95. Then I'm showing Captive Audience
16 Literacy Group, 5-9-98. The classes for
17 Hepatitis C, July '99, HIV slash AIDS. I've
18 seen you've taken that April '99 and August '99.
19 And then Arts In Correction for the period of
20 '98 to '99 with a chrono dated 6-24-99. Under
21 laudatories, although -- should have done the
22 Reader one here, but I'm seeing Literacy Action
23 certificate 3-22-94, 12-hour workshop tutoring.
24 I had Inmate Peer Education program and I
25 crossed it out.

26 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: He's got some chronos.

27 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Well I'm

1 showing Literacy Group, 5-9-98 and then a
2 12-16-05 Children's Holiday Festival.

3 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: You should have those.
4 Inmate Peer --

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, those are --

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Those are --

7 INMATE HULSEY: -- miscellaneous.

8 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: -- HIV and
9 the Hep C's.

10 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Yeah.

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. I
12 think the Inmate Peer Education program was part
13 and party of the Literacy Action certificate.
14 It was mentioned somewhere else.

15 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Okay.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: And that's
17 why I crossed it out. Okay. Let's do the
18 psych. I'm looking at April 25, 2006. The
19 diagnostic impression shows me Axis I, Alcohol
20 Dependence In Institutional Remission. Axis II,
21 None. Axis III, Back Problem. Axis IV,
22 Incarceration and Axis V shows us a GAF of 90 --
23 of 100. Assessment of dangerousness is showing
24 past six years disciplinary-free. Dangerousness
25 within a controlled setting is lower than the
26 inmate population. Released to the community,
27 it appears he would be able to maintain his

1 current sobriety and commitment to remain
2 abstinent. His assessment of dangerousness in
3 the community is no more than the average person
4 in a non-prison population. Significant risk
5 factor or precursor to violence for Hulsey would
6 be return to alcohol use. He should be
7 periodically tested and attendance at Alcoholics
8 Anonymous or some other alcohol treatment
9 modality should be a mandatory requirement of
10 parole. Hulsey is competent, responsible for
11 his behavior. Capacity to abide by institution
12 standards. Should do well in the future as long
13 as he remains drug and alcohol free. Any
14 treatment program is recommended -- will help
15 him maintain long term sobriety. Does not have
16 mental health disorder which would necessitate
17 treatment either during his incarceration or on
18 parole. That was one by Dr. Merrick (phonetic).
19 And I'm showing an April '93 for --
20 documentation hearing, short one-pager by
21 Dr. Larson (phonetic). My specific note on this
22 was the most appropriate psychiatric diagnosis
23 would be that of alcohol dependence in
24 institutional remission. Express interest in
25 college as well as Alcoholics Anonymous.
26 Appears sincere. Hopes to major in psychology,
27 though express an interest in physical sciences

1 such as chemistry. His violence potential
2 appears to be considerably less than that of the
3 average inmate population. "To this evaluator,
4 he appears to be an individual who should, when
5 it is administratively possible, do as much of
6 his programming as possible at CMC, eventually
7 entering into a Category T program. College is
8 encouraged if available." And that seems to be
9 February 25, '93 on that. Okay. And lastly,
10 115's, 128's. I'm showing four 128's, 3-24-93,
11 possession of contraband; 8-20-95, unauthorized
12 window covering; 5-17-99, failure to report to
13 work; 11-01-00, failure to report to work. And
14 115's, 12-8-94 for performance, guilty,
15 counseled and reprimanded. Eight four '99,
16 refusing to work, guilty, assessed 30 days, 10
17 days loss of privilege, counseled, warned and
18 reprimanded. Did I miss anything?

19 INMATE HULSEY: Not that I can tell.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Counsel, did
21 you have anything else?

22 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: No.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay.
24 Commissioner.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How much
26 of your \$10,000 restitution have you paid off?

27 INMATE HULSEY: I think just under

1 \$1,500.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

3 Are you -- Is this current dental lab job of
4 yours a pay number?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What are
7 you getting paid there?

8 INMATE HULSEY: It's 36 a month.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
10 And why no vocation?

11 INMATE HULSEY: For a great deal of time
12 vocations weren't available to Close Custody
13 inmates. And I've only been Medium Custody
14 since I think it was 2000, since I've been here.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: April 13.

16 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, of 2000.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That's
18 six years.

19 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. Where I was at
20 over at north facility, they don't have any
21 vocations that particularly interest me. They
22 have a graphic arts program over here, it's the
23 print shop, which I would like to take, and a
24 drafting class, computer aided drafting class at
25 that, here that I would like to take. But --

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You on
27 the waiting list?

1 INMATE HULSEY: I'm not even on the
2 waiting list. They won't put me on it because
3 I'm not here in central facility.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: I see.
5 Okay. How many college units have you -- six?

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: That's what
7 I'm showing.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
9 And those are in English?

10 INMATE HULSEY: Three in English and I
11 think three in psychology.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah,
13 three units so looks like two classes.

14 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Is there
16 anything you can do in terms of vocation or
17 self-help with a correspondence course?

18 INMATE HULSEY: If I have the means,
19 yeah. If I can just -- If I know who to write
20 to start, I wouldn't have a problem doing
21 anything like that at all.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
23 meet with other lifers? Is there any kind of
24 lifers group meetings here?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Not where I'm at.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What are
27 you doing now in the dental lab?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Making dentures.

2 Partial and full dentures. Well, actually I
3 haven't started doing the full's yet. I just do
4 partial dentures.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Are you
6 just learning that? You've been in the dental
7 lab once before.

8 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Right?

10 INMATE HULSEY: But that was a long time
11 before.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Things
13 change?

14 INMATE HULSEY: The procedures, no, not
15 really. It's just getting back in the swing of
16 doing it.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Enjoy it?

18 INMATE HULSEY: Yes, very much so.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You see
20 that as a potential vocation?

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. I wouldn't mind
22 doing it out on the streets.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:
24 Somebody's got to do it.

25 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, everybody needs
26 teeth.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Not

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1 everybody, but most of us do. What did you
2 learn when you were in PIA in textiles?

3 INMATE HULSEY: I didn't.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You
5 didn't learn?

6 INMATE HULSEY: I was only there for
7 three months. And when I was assigned, they
8 were at their -- some kind of break where they
9 do an inventory. So they had just a minimal
10 crew coming in. I think it was maybe like eight
11 or nine guys, like a skeleton crew just to keep
12 the sewing machines running so to speak.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And what
14 did you learn in Arts In Corrections?

15 INMATE HULSEY: That was voluntary. And
16 it was just art classes. Some of it -- one
17 thing -- Part of it taught me was to loosen up,
18 not try to be so -- it's hard to describe, not
19 try to be so rigid in what I did, loosen up and
20 kind of just do different things. They had one
21 instructor come in that showed us -- working
22 with ceramics, did a little bit of that. That's
23 really it. Just go in there and do artwork.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So they
25 taught you how to color outside the lines, huh?

26 INMATE HULSEY: Basically, yeah.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And tell

1 me about this reading for the blind, what was
2 that?

3 INMATE HULSEY: That was the Folsom
4 Project for the Visually Impaired. And what we
5 do is we'd sit down and we would read books onto
6 tapes. And it was like a lending library.
7 People that have vision problems would -- it was
8 done through another company, not a company,
9 another organization outside the prison. The
10 visually impaired people, they would call this
11 organization. This organization would get a
12 hold of the institution and say, okay, do you
13 have this, do you have that, this book, that
14 book. If we didn't, if they could provide the
15 book, we'd get the permission to read it on the
16 tape and then loan it them. Just like a
17 library.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:
19 Interesting. Did you ever make license plates
20 in Folsom?

21 INMATE HULSEY: No. No, never did that.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
23 And you started AA in 1997. But then got back
24 into in '01?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I think so.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How many
27 years did you have in the AA in '97?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Prior to '97?

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah, did
3 you have some prior to '97?

4 INMATE HULSEY: No. Closed Custody, in
5 '97 was when they got a Closed Custody AA
6 program going.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And how
8 many years did you do it in '97 until when?

9 INMATE HULSEY: Well, I'm unsure of when
10 they started it in '97 but it only lasted until
11 like May of '98 when I got transferred here.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And then
13 it took you all this time to get it here
14 (indiscernible) --

15 INMATE HULSEY: (Indiscernible) --

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
17 position here?

18 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. Because I was
19 still Closed Custody. Well, I was Medium
20 Custody and then Closed Custody again. And they
21 didn't have an AA program for Closed Custody's
22 because Closed Custody's could not leave the
23 cells in the evening.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So you've
25 got AA regularly from -- did I read that right,
26 regularly from '01 until now?

27 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: As
2 regular as it can be?

3 INMATE HULSEY: Well, yeah, barring any
4 --

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:
6 Lockdowns.

7 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, lockdowns, lack of
8 program which has been happening a lot since
9 2001.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You know
11 your steps?

12 INMATE HULSEY: I've only gotten -- far
13 as number two and that's the one I have the
14 biggest problem with.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What step
16 is that?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Put myself in the hands
18 of a higher power. I've always felt I'm
19 responsible for my own actions.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Is that
21 -- Is that what that means?

22 INMATE HULSEY: No, well, to me it kind
23 of does. To me it's like asking me to say,
24 okay, it's not my fault. It's asking me to do
25 something that I don't believe in. I guess you
26 could say, for lack of a better term, I'm an
27 atheist. And I don't -- By putting myself in

1 the hands of a higher power, they're asking me
2 to basically quit taking the blame for my
3 alcoholism. And I can't do that. I know I have
4 a problem with alcohol and I'm the only one
5 that's going to be able to solve it.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
7 Very good. Mr. Underwood, do you have any
8 questions for the inmate?

9 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD: No,
10 I don't. Thank you.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
12 you. Ms. Tardiff?

13 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I have none.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
15 Mr. Underwood, would you like to make a closing
16 statement.

17 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD: I
18 would. Thank you. I see a lot -- a lot of good
19 that I don't (indiscernible) when I come to
20 these hearings of what the inmate's doing to
21 better himself in prison. But I see some things
22 that are troubling. And I'm sure the citizens
23 of our community would find them troubling. And
24 I begin there with the defendant's memory of the
25 crime, what he's told people happened at various
26 stages. And beginning in the current report the
27 inmate says he was drunk and he doesn't remember

1 anything. Going back to the probation report
2 after the defendant was convicted he made the
3 statement that it's real terrible that someone
4 died, it shouldn't have happened, and had I been
5 sober, it wouldn't have, that's all I can say.
6 Going back before -- That was on March 19, 1990,
7 so about nine months or so after the crime was
8 committed. Going back to two days after the
9 crime was committed, on page three of the
10 probation report he initially said he had a
11 blackout and was unable to recall his
12 activities. He subsequently admitted that talk
13 about committing -- robbery began while they
14 were at the river. He acknowledged that it was
15 his idea to attempt to obtain a weapon from his
16 brother. He contended that he was extremely
17 intoxicated at the time and that the amount of
18 alcohol consumed impaired his judgment. I was
19 drunk out of my mind. The common theme here is
20 that there, -- it seems to be that alcohol's to
21 blame here and not the inmate. But what strikes
22 me when you went through the narration of the
23 facts of the current crime is that they show a
24 mind that doesn't appear to be impaired to that
25 degree. In other words, the planning done, the
26 driving from the lake, which it's not clear in
27 here, but I'm assuming he's talking about Lake

1 (indiscernible) here, little northeast of Exeter
2 and also east of Woodlake. So he's able to
3 drive this car around, they're able to stake the
4 place out, check the amount of traffic going in
5 and out of the store. Four other people are in
6 the car. I conclude that the impairment was not
7 that bad if none of those four people at that
8 time said, for their own safety, holy cow, get
9 this guy away from the wheel if he's that
10 intoxicated to where he's blacked out. Get him
11 away from the wheel. I don't want to be a
12 passenger in this car because he's too drunk.
13 But we don't see any of that in the report. So
14 it's somewhat troubling. I don't want to say
15 the inmate's not telling you the truth here, but
16 I just wonder if he's really accounting for what
17 happened back then. I don't believe he is. He
18 accounted back in June of '89 to some degree,
19 but since then it seems -- it seems to be I
20 don't remember anything, I was drunk, if I
21 wouldn't have got drunk, it wouldn't have
22 happened. And I don't know if that's taking
23 accountability for what happened. I don't
24 believe it is. We're also concerned by the
25 128's seen in the report. Now I note that the
26 possession of contraband, it appears to be
27 before he attended his AA meetings. But if it's

1 the alcohol that that's the problem, well here
2 we see in 1993 an attempt to get contraband
3 while he was in custody. We have all these
4 letters saying once he's on the outside, hey, we
5 got a place for him to work, why don't you come
6 with us, it sounds like he has a family who's
7 very supportive. But here when I look at his
8 disciplinary histories I see quite a few
9 failures to report to work and refusing to work.
10 I don't know the circumstances behind those, but
11 those also cause us some concern too. For these
12 reasons we feel he's not a suitable candidate
13 for release. Thank you.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
15 you. Ms. Tardiff.

16 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I just have a
17 question. The '93 possession of contraband,
18 what was that for?

19 INMATE HULSEY: Just a bunch of crap.

20 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: The 128's are not
21 alcohol related. Contraband can be a rubber
22 band I guess, anything that they're not supposed
23 to have is contraband.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Do you want
25 me to read it, counsel?

26 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Sure.

27 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Three 24,

1 '93, during a cell search of inmates Hulsey and
2 Bishop, found and confiscated numerous items of
3 contraband, some of which were inmate
4 manufactured tools, screwdrivers, utility knife,
5 numerous strips of civilian clothing, prints,
6 two civilian shirts, black and white, wax for
7 sealing televisions, one television set, seals
8 broken. These items were found in Hulsey's
9 living space, under and near his bunk. He
10 admitted to using dental epoxy resin which he
11 obtained from the dental lab. And there was an
12 evaluation it might be used to aid in an escape
13 attempt. All the above listed contraband will
14 be pending investigation. And that's the most
15 significant part of that. So no, it is not
16 substance abuse.

17 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: So it was not alcohol
18 related. Okay. Thanks. So I would -- those
19 remarks regarding the 128's by the District
20 Attorney I don't think were appropriate since
21 they did not involve any kind of substance
22 abuse. Further, 128's are counseling chronos
23 and disciplinary actions, making his last 115 in
24 '99. So were going almost on seven years since
25 he's had a 115 which I think is excellent
26 behavior. Only two 115's, no force or violence.
27 Again, almost seven-years-old. So his

1 performance in terms of disciplinary or abiding
2 by institutional standards I submit is
3 excellent. But let me go to his
4 pre-incarceration history first. He appeared to
5 have a stable social history. He was a high
6 school graduate. His family appeared to be
7 stable and intact. And currently that seems to
8 be the case as well. He's got a lot of letters
9 from his family which appear to be very
10 supportive of him. All mention that they were a
11 close knit family. So his pre-incarceration
12 history, non-criminal, appears to be supportive.
13 His post -- And his criminal history, he didn't
14 have any prior criminal history at all. He had
15 an arrest for minor in possession of alcohol and
16 public intoxication when he was 15 and 17, but
17 that was it. No force or violence either before
18 the commitment offense. This was the only
19 indication of any violence. And I'd like to
20 point out that Mr. Hulsey was not the shooter.
21 And in his sentencing report the judge noted
22 that: "And I realize that Mr. Hulsey was a
23 participant by reason of the aider and abetter
24 rule and I -- " And then it goes on to say:
25 "I am well aware -- I am well
26 aware of the particular problems
27 that all of us face with the

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1 felony murder rule and there have
2 been other cases in this
3 courthouse where other individuals
4 were outside a particular
5 residence and/or commercial
6 establishment where a homicide's
7 occurred and they too suffered the
8 consequences of the main principal
9 in the action. And I am afraid
10 that in Mr. Hulsey's circumstance
11 because of the fact perhaps that
12 he was drinking alcohol that day
13 or because of the other factors
14 that were mentioned in the 25 page
15 report supplied by defense counsel
16 he found himself in a situation
17 that he now has to pay his debt to
18 society. Again, I am shocked and
19 distressed that I have to impose
20 these types of sentences on a
21 young man with no record."

22 And he's referring to granting a motion to have
23 this reduced to a manslaughter. So even the
24 court, I believe by those statements, had no
25 discretion at all and had to impose, but the
26 court was troubled by the fact that Mr. Hulsey
27 did not have any prior record and was in the car

1 at the time of the offense. And I submit that
2 in mitigating his factors in the commitment
3 offense. Also, the probation officer's report
4 noted that he was highly intoxicated which
5 significantly reduced his culpability for the
6 crime. And I believe it was a .17 was his
7 alcohol reading at the time of the commitment
8 offense if I'm not mistaken.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Counsel,
10 I read it two one.

11 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Did you, two one.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: From
13 testimony from a doctor.

14 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Okay. So he was -- It
15 was pretty high that's for sure. Way over the
16 limit, twice over the limit either reading and
17 that's significant. Not that that should
18 diminish his culpability in terms of this young
19 clerk's demise. But I think it does
20 substantiate Mr. Hulsey's testimony regarding
21 how intoxicated he was. And I think also in
22 reference to some of the remarks made by the
23 District Attorney for -- I don't think
24 particularly then young teens were not going to
25 say, hey, maybe he better not be driving. I
26 just can't see teenage boys even doing that.
27 They're reckless, particularly if they're

1 involved with companions that are drinking a
2 lot. It's not just something that's done.
3 Since he's been incarcerated, I've addressed the
4 115's and the 128's. He has participated in
5 programming when it's available. Due to the
6 lockdowns and his custody level, he hasn't been
7 able to do as much as I believe he would like to
8 do. And I don't think there's any indication
9 that he would not want to be participating more.
10 He does get good work reports, satisfactory to
11 above average. Been a clerk for the watch
12 commander. He's volunteered a lot of his time
13 in terms of literacy group. He seems to have
14 found some sort of niche in his artwork. I'll
15 also submit that that is also a form of
16 self-help for many individuals I'm sure,
17 including Mr. Hulsey. He has good psych
18 reports, two of them only, but the most recent,
19 '06, the high GAF at 90. No mental health
20 diagnosis. Average citizen. And the one before
21 that was also good. His regret for instant
22 offense appears authentic. This is from '93,
23 that's a long time ago. And his violence
24 potential appears to be considerably less than
25 that of the average inmate population. He's
26 done some college since he's been incarcerated.
27 So I believe that Mr. Hulsey has programmed in a

1 very positive fashion. And up to this point
2 he's done everything he can. If he is not found
3 suitable, I think he should only be given a one
4 year denial due to his good programming. Thank
5 you.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
7 you. Mr. Hulsey, this is your opportunity to
8 tell this Board why you feel you're suitable for
9 parole at this time.

10 INMATE HULSEY: Wow.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You
12 didn't realize you were going to have this
13 opportunity?

14 INMATE HULSEY: Well, I did but I went
15 over in my head many times what I think I would
16 say why I should be found suitable. But I think
17 my lawyer's pretty much covered it all.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Well you
19 don't have to say anything if you don't -- if
20 you don't want to.

21 INMATE HULSEY: The only thing I can add
22 is if I'm found suitable and I'm paroled, I'll
23 still have a chance to make something of my
24 life. Go out work, pay taxes and complain about
25 them being too high.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
27 And gasoline too.

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. Yeah.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That's

3 it?

4 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

6 Thank you. It's 2:30 and we will recess for
7 deliberations.

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3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. Our
4 tape's rolling.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

6 The time is 2:50 in the afternoon in the matter
7 of Mr. Hulsey. And everyone has returned to the
8 hearing. The Panel's reviewed all the
9 information received from the public and relied
10 on the following circumstances in concluding
11 that the prisoner is not suitable for parole and
12 would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to
13 society or a threat to public safety if released
14 from prison. First of all we'll talk about the
15 commitment offense. It was carried out in an
16 especially cruel and callous manner in that his
17 crime partner, who I read in the legal documents
18 got life without the possibility of parole.

19 INMATE HULSEY: I think so, yeah.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: His crime
21 partner, Mr. Abele, ultimately after spending
22 the time with Mr. Hulsey and three juveniles
23 went into a store and robbed it with
24 Mr. Hulsey's brother's .22 rifle with three
25 rounds in it. The storekeeper was ultimately
26 murdered in this particular case which earned

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1 them five dollars. Five dollars in this
2 robbery. While Mr. Hulsey did not do the
3 robbery himself, he was in the car. He was a
4 participant and was found -- Did you have a
5 court trial or a jury trial?

6 INMATE HULSEY: Court trial.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Court
8 trial. He's ultimately found guilty of murder
9 in the first degree, armed with a firearm and
10 the second count of robbery to run concurrent
11 with the -- with the murder and an enhancement
12 on both for the -- for the weapon which he
13 received a 12022.5 of the Penal Code. The facts
14 that he -- The fact is that he and his crime
15 partner had been drinking. He's 18 years of
16 age. He had a history -- And so he was only 18.
17 He had a brief history, three years of history
18 with alcohol abuse. There was an attempt made
19 to get him squared away with that by sending him
20 to Narcotics Anonymous or a program and he
21 wasn't successful obviously at that time of his
22 life. This certainly demonstrated -- The way it
23 was carried out demonstrated an exceptional
24 callous disregard for human suffering in that a
25 life was taken for five dollars, which the
26 motive for this crime is certainly inexplicable.

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1 Mr. Hulsey, as said before, does not have a
2 serious previous record, has no violence in his
3 previous record as a juvenile. Did have an
4 alcohol problem and has -- did not -- certainly
5 did not benefit from the program that he
6 attended. And unfortunately continued to drink;
7 otherwise, he probably wouldn't be sitting here
8 today as he claims he if wasn't under the
9 influence he wouldn't have happened. Is that
10 correct, sir?

11 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: He
13 remembers some of the events leading up to this
14 but claims that he was blacked out. He did have
15 a high blood alcohol when it was calculated as
16 to what he drank. It was somewhere around two
17 -- .20 which certainly by today's standards
18 would be almost three times the legal limit, two
19 and a half times the legal limit of .08. And
20 certainly was a danger while driving around in
21 that condition. His institutional behavior, he
22 has -- he's programmed in a -- has done -- has
23 done well given the circumstances of his custody
24 level. He's gotten -- Up until recently he was
25 the watch commander's clerk, received above
26 average work reports. He was a patio clerk in
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1 '01. He was also -- did a stint as watch clerk.
2 He was a porter in 1999. In 1998 he worked at
3 PIA in textiles for a brief period of time. He
4 was a sergeant's clerk or with the sergeant's
5 yard crew in '01, above average or average work
6 reports and above average work reports. The --
7 Most recently and currently he's in the dental
8 lab which he expressed that he likes and his
9 body language indicated that as well. He kind
10 of lit up. And his self-help programs, the most
11 critical program, AA, he did get a start in '97.
12 But again, based on custody level had some
13 difficulty but he started again when he came
14 here in '01 to the present and claims to be
15 working the first two steps. -- And if there's
16 some alternative program that isn't so
17 spiritually based that you find, whether it's
18 correspondence or a program in the institution
19 that might suit you better based on the fact of
20 the higher power issue that would do similar --
21 same thing as a 12-step program -- We're big
22 fans of -- 12-step program because we see
23 results, positive -- very positive results if
24 people stick to it. And there -- And they take
25 -- they take the stress off of people when
26 they're on the outside (indiscernible) and they
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1 continue to go and they have sponsors and they
2 have a safety net so to speak that they can --
3 You know, if you look at all the steps, you'll
4 see the last two steps are maintenance. And you
5 know -- And you develop a relapse prevention
6 program and things like that that help you --
7 help you deal with the day to day life without
8 alcohol and/or drugs. So if you can, you know,
9 find something. It doesn't have to be AA. None
10 of the Panels will say go to AA. We'll just
11 tell you to get self-help in some sort of
12 12-step program, something to deal with
13 addictions. Do you understand what I'm saying?

14 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
16 That will help you -- That should help you in
17 the future. Nineteen '98, the Captive Audience
18 Literacy Group. In '99 you took a series of
19 courses for Hepatitis, HIV and AIDS courses.
20 You know about Hepatitis C?

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You know
23 how to get it?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
26 you don't do any of that?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: No.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You don't
3 have any tattoos, do you?

4 INMATE HULSEY: None.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
6 good. Okay. Arts In Corrections. You did a
7 stint in that and explained a little about that,
8 what he was doing in 1998 and 1999. He's gotten
9 six units in -- three in psychology, three in
10 English from college courses. He's done Inmate
11 Peer Education and gotten some certificates for
12 those particular things. While all these -- any
13 one of these things isn't much, all of them
14 together are much. You know what I mean?

15 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You just
17 kind of keep stacking up, making that stack
18 bigger and bigger, it's the scale of justice
19 here. And you want all the good stuff on one
20 side and all the bad stuff you can't change on
21 the outside. That stuff being 115's.

22 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Last one
24 was 1999 for refusing to work. The previous one
25 was 1994 for performance. And then received
26 four counseling chronos, 128's, last one being

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1 in the year 2000, nearly seven years ago. Are
2 you aware of how a date's determined for you?
3 If we feel you're ready for parole today, you
4 know how we calculate it?

5 INMATE HULSEY: No, no idea.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
7 Well we have a -- And your attorney can explain
8 it to you and maybe even show you. We have a
9 matrix.

10 INMATE HULSEY: This I've heard of.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. We
12 have a matrix and we go, you know, we put you in
13 a category on the top and a category on the side
14 and bring them together and then we've got a
15 choice of three different years that we can give
16 you. And we pick -- we pick out where you fall
17 into the matrix. Now what's real important that
18 you know is for every year that you go without a
19 115 you get four months of credit, good time.

20 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
22 you've done, what, 16 years?

23 INMATE HULSEY: Sixteen, seventeen.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah.

25 Since you've come to the prison.

26 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, 16.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Sixteen
2 years. Sixteen years minus two in your case.
3 So you get 14 times four, whatever that works
4 out to be, number of months, and then we take
5 that off of that matrix number. So every year
6 that you go without a 115, you're picking up
7 four months, you're picking up a third of a
8 year. And that's particularly important to you.
9 Again, your -- your attorney can show you how
10 that works.

11 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So it's
13 real important you stay discipline-free. That's
14 what -- That's the bottom line I'm getting at.
15 You get rewarded immensely for this.

16 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Plus, if
18 you got a 115 today, it's almost like starting
19 all over again with your -- with your time.

20 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: We look
22 at -- we look -- we look -- You know, it's a --
23 it's a violation of the rules which equate to a
24 violation of the law on the outside. And if you
25 can't follow the rules in here, especially with
26 your history here, history being the time you

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1 spent here, knowing how it works and working it,
2 you've got to be real careful and continue to --
3 continue to do what you're doing. We did -- I
4 did mention the dental lab that you're currently
5 in that and that that's certainly a very
6 positive vocational tool that you might get,
7 that you might want to look at. You might want
8 to look at what else -- As time goes on, you're
9 going to have more and more opportunities for
10 vocation, something that obviously is
11 interesting to you and something that you can
12 use on the outside as a marketable skill in the
13 future. So your -- your -- you're doing well.
14 You present very well.

15 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You
17 present yourself as very intelligent. You're
18 making this hearing go real easy for us because
19 you seem to absorb what we have to say and you
20 communicate very, very well. So you know, you
21 can look at this as one of the hardest job
22 interviews you'll ever go to, you know. This is
23 a tough job interview.

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Nothing
26 will ever be this tough. Especially on your

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1 initial hearing when you're not quite sure what
2 to expect and you've heard rumors and those
3 rumors are generally not true. But we're not
4 all that bad. Psychiatric factors.
5 Commissioner.

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: I was going
7 to say speak for yourself, you're not that bad.
8 Okay. Just a quick review of the psych. What
9 I'm keying in on is the alcohol dependence issue
10 and in this case the psychiatric evaluation
11 showed it in institutional remission. And the
12 other axis show basically no other problems and
13 actually a GAF score of 90 out of 100 is quite
14 high. The assessment of dangerousness noted as
15 lower than the inmate population. And for a
16 community base as long as -- maintain current
17 sobriety and commitment to remain abstinent then
18 the assessment would be no more than average
19 than the average person in a non-prison
20 population. I guess that would be the
21 community. Significant risk factor of course is
22 the alcohol use. And the prior evaluation
23 basically hits on the same point of alcohol
24 dependence and to maintain sobriety.

25 [Thereupon, tape two was recorded.]

26 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. We're

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1 rolling on both.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. As
3 I was talking about -- asked the question of the
4 inmate do you see the connection of the
5 psychological report to your programming.
6 Psychological report says that your risk factors
7 are much higher if you're not abstinent.

8 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And so
10 that's why the AA or equivalent program is so
11 important to make us feel that you have that
12 safety net, you have that -- you have something
13 to fall back on so you don't relapse and start
14 drinking again and get yourself -- and do
15 something -- something that you're going to
16 regret.

17 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You see
19 what I'm -- that's -- That's where it ties
20 together. Your parole plans, excellent. You've
21 got wonderful letters from your family. Sounds
22 like you've got just a great family and it
23 sounds like they're very interested in taking
24 care of you. Sounds like they're loving.
25 Sounds like they'd be a good -- good support --
26 support. And not just using that word

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1 willy-nilly. I'm talking about support when --
2 You know, if you don't have the stresses of
3 finances, a place to live or you know -- You may
4 get a job initially that doesn't pay a lot and
5 you couldn't survive on your own because the
6 price of housing is nuts even in the valley now.

7 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: It's just
9 going -- It's getting wild. So you know, you
10 look ahead and you say I don't think I could
11 ever, you know, take care of myself. You've got
12 your -- You got your family there and your
13 friends that -- that -- that you can confide in.
14 I mean, your whole life's on this table at this
15 point in time of your life and you know
16 everybody knows about you and -- inside and out.
17 There's no -- hopefully no secrets. But you
18 know, you've got to have people out there
19 that'll be -- that'll be on your side. And this
20 certainly looks like -- based on the letters
21 that were written and that we went through
22 today. As far as employment's concern, that's
23 yet to come. I do believe you have a marketable
24 skill clearly in your artwork. Your artwork was
25 fabulous.

26 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And
2 thanks for bringing it in and sharing it with
3 us. It shows a tremendous amount of talent
4 there. But you know the old story on artists..
5 They're starving.

6 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
8 You know, there are artists and there's actors
9 and there's -- You know there's people out there
10 that have a lot of talent but there's a lot of
11 competition.

12 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: But I --
14 In looking at your work, it's -- it's quite --
15 quite beautiful and -- and you certainly have --
16 you certainly have a talent there and very
17 marketable skill. But I would -- We would
18 encourage you to continue to get vocational
19 skills that you possibly can, whether it's
20 dental lab or whatever else you can get into.
21 Encourage you maybe to stay away from some of
22 the things that -- that -- You want to evaluate
23 the particular vocation. Like upholstery.
24 There's lots of upholsterers out there. And
25 that's a pretty competitive market and you don't
26 make a lot of money, not that it's not

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1 necessary. I mean we're all sitting on soft
2 seats because of PIA. But still some of the
3 manufacturing jobs that are in the institutions
4 are offshore, you know, textiles and things like
5 that. They're -- they're -- While they're
6 self-serving while they're in -- in -- in the
7 institution and you get good -- good job skills,
8 the question is where am I going to use it, you
9 know. If you're a (indiscernible) that in
10 quality control on t-shirts, you have to go to
11 Bangladesh or Malaysia or someplace because
12 that's where all the stuff is made --

13 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
15 anymore. Very little textile going on in -- in
16 the -- in the United States. So continue to
17 keep those parole plans fresh. We did have a
18 response from Tulare County in opposition to a
19 parole date being set for you today. And I
20 again want to commend you for your behavior, for
21 your self-help that you've been doing, for all
22 the work that you've -- that you've done even
23 though they've been pretty low-level jobs. We
24 understand. And you continue to get your
25 classification -- and put yourself in a position
26 where you can get better -- better and better

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1 jobs, continue, you know -- Get those better
2 jobs so that you can pay off that restitution
3 that you owe or try to seek some outside --
4 outside help with that. And so we want to
5 commend you for that. However, these positive
6 aspects of your behavior doesn't outweigh the
7 crime that you were committed for. In a
8 separate decision, the hearing Panel finds the
9 prisoner has been convicted of murder and
10 robbery to run concurrent. It's not reasonable
11 to expect parole would be granted in the next
12 three years. So you're getting a three year
13 denial here based on the crime, based on your
14 alcohol and you need programming, continue
15 programming, and you've -- you've got the
16 longest stint in AA from '01 to now. You need
17 longer. You need three more years on top of
18 that. You need to get some marketable skills
19 under your belt so that you've got options when
20 you do get released. I'm confident -- We're
21 confident, and we talked about this during our
22 deliberations, how -- how well you interview,
23 how -- what a pleasant guy you are in terms of
24 your presentation today. And for the -- for the
25 first hearing normally -- not normally,
26 sometimes we see four and five years, and I'm
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1 sure your attorney mentioned that, denial. We
2 want to keep -- We want to keep you encouraged.
3 We don't again believe that you'll be paroled
4 within the next three years. There's no
5 possibility that you'll be paroled in the next
6 three years. So let's take this time to bolster
7 up your -- your preparations for that parole.
8 And I can't guarantee you what's going to happen
9 in three years. But I can say that you need --
10 you need -- we say that you need these three
11 years to -- to get yourself in a better position
12 for parole. So our recommendations to you,
13 continue your self-help, stay discipline-free,
14 learn a trade and earn those positive chronos.
15 Okay. Do you understand?

16 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
18 have any questions? I don't normally let the
19 inmate talk during this period of time, during
20 our decision. But I want you to be perfectly
21 clear because this is your initial hearing. Do
22 you have any questions for us?

23 INMATE HULSEY: No, actually I don't.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
25 Very good. Do you have anything you'd like to
26 say, Commissioner?

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1 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: No, you've
2 covered it all. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
4 good. Good luck to you, sir.

5 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

7 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
9 you.

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26 DATE, THE DECISION IS MODIFIED

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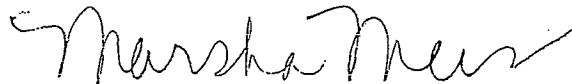
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Probation Officer's Report
March 26, 1990

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The People of the State of California,)
 Plaintiff,)

vs.)

CLEVE OTIS HULSEY,)

Defendant.)

JAY C. GAYESS, CLERK
James Wilson DEPUTY
Saltzman

COURT NUMBER: 27850

HEARING DATE: 3-26-90
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE PROBATION OFFICER

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Department: No. 2
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Probation No: A-18731
 SO ID No: 176673
 CII No: None
 FBI No: None
 SS No: 545-08-1626

Defendant's Address: 1176 West Maple, Exeter, CADOB: 5-20-71 AGE: 18Marital Status: SingleBirthplace: Tulare, CASpouse: N/ACitizenship: United StatesChildren: NoneEducation: 12 YearsAges: N/ACOURT PROCEEDINGS:

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>PLEA DATE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>INDICATED SENTENCE</u>
27850	2-28-90	1	Fel 187 P.C., 1st Degree	Convicted in trial	
			S/A 12022(a) PC	Found True	
		2	Fel 211 P.C., 1st Degree	Convicted in trial	
			S/A 12022(a) PC	Found True	
		3	Fel 459 P.C., 2nd Degree	Convicted in trial	
			S/A 12022(a) PC	Found True	

BRIEF SUMMARY OF FACTS:

In the commission of a robbery of a Woodlake convenience store on June 26, 1989, the defendant shot and killed a 17-year-old store clerk, Amed Al-Kobadi.

OFFENSE:

Testimony presented during the course of a two week trial indicates that the defendant and alleged co-participant, Charles Abele, to be tried separately in September, formulated a plan to rob the A & H Market located in the rural Tulare County community of Woodlake for the purpose of obtaining money with which to buy beer. The pair obtained a .22 caliber semi-automatic bolt action rifle and ammunition and drove to the small family-owned business which they had targeted in advance.

Accounts of eyewitnesses and the confession by the defendant provided subsequent to his arrest concur that while the defendant waited in the car with the motor running, Abele, wearing a ski mask, entered the store displaying the firearm and demanded money. Store clerk Amed Al-Kobadi, 17, produced several bills from the cash register while Abele allegedly maintained the rifle pointed at him in a ready to fire position with his finger inside the trigger guard. Reportedly, the youthful clerk grabbed the rifle at the front site, causing the firearm to discharge. Al-Kobadi suffered a single gunshot wound in the right side of his chest. The bullet reportedly perforated his lung and he expired within minutes due to exsanguination.

The crime netted the perpetrators \$5. According to accounts, before leaving Woodlake the defendant drove to another convenience store and with the proceeds from the robbery the co-participant purchased a quantity of gas, a pack of cigarettes and a quart of beer.

The series of events which subsequently unfolded linking the defendant with the crime were as follows:

A Woodlake resident reported observing a male subject wearing a black ski mask and carrying a rifle run from the store and enter the front passenger side of a waiting vehicle bearing California license No. 1G0P367. She reported that the vehicle was parked on the north side of the store and that she also observed "some kids" in the rear seat of the car. Investigation revealed the vehicle was registered to Neal Cave of 711 West Maple Avenue. Cave reported to authorities that he lent his automobile on June 26, 1989, to Charles Abele. Cave said that Abele was in possession of the car most of the day and upon returning the vehicle to him made statements concerning a "stick up" of a store located in the Woodlake area.

On June 27, 1989, Charles Abele provided investigating officers a voluntary statement in which he admitted involvement in the robbery and shooting death of the store clerk.

The following day investigating officers were contacted by the brother of the defendant, Marvin Hulsey, who reported that he had been reading a newspaper account of the incident. He testified that the defendant came to his house together with Abele and asked to borrow his father's rifle. As they were borrowing the weapon, they explained that they wanted to use it for shooting bottles at a canal. He reported that he told the defendant he did not have any bullets, but in fact had removed cartridges from the clip because he felt both defendants had been drinking. He stated that both defendants returned to his home later in the day and returned the rifle.

Cody Grim testified that on June 26, 1989, he was contacted by Abele who asked him for some .22 caliber ammunition, and specifically asked for three bullets. About the time that Grim handed Abele the bullets, Hulsey approached and stated that the pair was planning to go to the canal and do some target shooting. Grim also observed that at the time Anthony Chavira was in the back seat of the car with another young man whose name he did not recall. Through investigation, officers eventually obtained statements from teenagers Anthony Chavira, 16, Darren Stephens, 17, and Chad Stephens, 15, all of Exeter. In essence, they reported that while at the R & N Market in Exeter cashing in aluminum cans, they were invited to go swimming in the area of Slick Rock on Kaweah Lake. The teenagers agreed to give the \$6.00 which they had earned from the cans to the defendants for the purchase of beer. After leaving Slick Rock, about an hour and a half later, that Abele was overheard discussing the possibility of committing a robbery "for booze and stuff".

Abele reportedly bragged that he knew of a store which would be easy to knock off. The teenagers requested to be let go, however, Abele refused.

Reports indicate that prior to the commission of the robbery, Abele pulled over and switched seats with Hulsey. Hulsey pulled up to the north side of the store, but then drove away because there were people in the area. He drove down the street, turned around and returned to the same location. Abele inserted the clip into the chamber of the rifle and positioned the bolt forward before exiting the car. While the teenagers were laying down on the back seat, scared, Abele exited the store and Hulsey kept the motor running. A short time later, he returned to the vehicle, made a statement to the effect that he shot someone for \$5. After Abele reentered the car, Hulsey checked the rifle to see how many bullets were left.

The defendant provided a voluntary statement on June 28, 1989. Initially he claimed that he had suffered an alcohol blackout and was unable to recall his activities. He subsequently admitted that talk about committing a robbery began while they were at the river. He acknowledged that it was his idea to attempt to obtain a weapon from his brother. He contended that he was extremely intoxicated at the time and that the amount of alcohol consumed impaired his judgment. He told authorities, "I was drunk out of my mind."

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT:

Interviewed by the undersigned writer on March 19, 1990, the defendant declined a full disclosure outlining his involvement in the crime.

He stated, "It's real terrible that someone died. It shouldn't have happened and had I been sober it wouldn't have. That's all I can say."

Regarding his confession to authorities, the defendant stated, "I told them what they wanted to hear. I was so damned scared. I felt they would let me go if I told them what they wanted to hear, but they didn't. I really don't have anything else to say."

INVESTIGATION:

As of this dictation, a statement regarding the crime and restitution has not been received from the family of the victim.

PRIOR RECORD:

A check of the usual sources revealed no prior arrest record.

SOCIAL AND FAMILY HISTORY:

The defendant is a native and lifelong county resident with significant family ties. He is youthful, in satisfactory physical and mental health and has lived in the home of his parents all of his life.

The defendant is a graduate of Kaweah High School in Exeter. He reportedly enlisted in the Navy following graduation in June, 1989, but was discharged as a consequence of arrest on the present case. The defendant reported it was his plan to further his education following tenure with the service. "I figured I'd be doing something right for myself. I planned to go to college on the G.I. Bill and with a good education I'd be able to make a place for myself, you know, get a good job, settle down with a wife and a few kids."

The defendant is the seventh of eight children born to his parents, Coy and Martha Hulsey of 1176 West Maple in Exeter. The defendant's father reportedly is employed as a heavy equipment mechanic by Ditch Witch of Central California. The defendant's mother, currently unemployed, previously worked as a shortorder cook. The defendant's siblings include four brothers and three sisters, ranging in age 15 to 35 years. The defendant described his family as a very close and supportive one. "We've always been very close and looked out for each other," he stated.

The defendant has previously never married nor fathered any children. He reportedly is not affiliated with any social or religious organizations.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

The defendant's employment history is limited, for the most part due to his age and previous status as a student. He reported having worked as a clerk at Mountain Mike's Pizza and as a dishwasher at Carroll's Restaurant, both in Exeter, for brief durations.

FINANCIAL STATUS:

The defendant's assets and liabilities are negligible.

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE:

The defendant acknowledged a problem with alcohol abuse. He reported that he began consuming intoxicants about four years ago and that until his arrest on the instant matter, he consumed alcoholic beverages on a daily basis, frequently "just to get drunk". The defendant indicated previous participation in alcohol abuse counseling. He reported that at age 15 and again at age 17, he attended meetings of Narcotics Anonymous following arrests for minor in possession of alcohol and public intoxication. He indicated that participation in NA sessions did not ameliorate his drinking pattern except for a short time.

Regarding the use of controlled substances, the defendant acknowledged prior experimentation with marijuana. He indicated that he had used the substance infrequently, claiming that he had "tried it once when I was 15 years old" and on the date of the offense now before the court.

PROBATION FACTORS:

Penal Code Section 1203.06 prohibits the grant of probation in this case. (Rule 414(a))

MITIGATING FACTORS:

The defendant has no known prior record of criminal conduct. (Rule 423(b)(1))

At the time of the commission of the crime, the defendant claims that he was highly intoxicated which significantly reduced his culpability for the crime. (Rule 423(b)(2))

CIRCUMSTANCES IN AGGRAVATION:

The defendant was armed with or used a weapon at the time of the commission of the crime, charged and found true as an enhancement under Section 12022. (Rule 421(a)(2))

The victim was particularly vulnerable. (Rule 421(a)(3))

The crime was preplanned. (Rule 421(a)(8))

The defendant engaged in conduct indicating a danger to society. (Rule 408)

CRITERIA AFFECTING CONCURRENT/CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES:

The crimes (Counts 1 and 2) and their objectives were predominantly independent of each other. (Rule 425(b))

The crimes (Counts 1 and 2) involved separate acts of violence or threats of violence. (Rule 425(c))

ANALYSIS:

Before the Court for a sentencing is 18-year-old Cleve Otis Hulsey, convicted of murder in the first degree, robbery in the first degree and burglary in the second degree. Also found true were special allegations, attendant to each offense respectively that the defendant was armed with a firearm.

Circumstances in the presenting matter indicate that the defendant and an alleged co-participant preplanned a robbery at a rural Woodlake convenience store in order to

obtain money with which to buy beer. The defendant was instrumental in obtaining a firearm for that purpose and drove to said location to accomplish the act. During the commission of the crime on June 26, 1989, a 17-year-old store clerk was fatally shot in the chest. The defendant confessed his involvement in the crime, but claims that his judgment was impaired due to the amount of alcoholic beverage he had consumed that date.

Statutory provisions prohibit the grant of probation in this case. In the present case, the defendant was convicted of two crimes for which three terms of imprisonment are specified and also for a crime with an indeterminate term. Inasmuch as the killing was unnecessary to accomplish Counts 2 and 3, consecutive terms appear warranted. Section 669 of the Penal Code specifies when both types of terms are being considered for sentencing purposes, the determinate term of imprisonment shall be served first. Therefore, Count 2 should be deemed the principal determinate term. It is recommended that the term of imprisonment for Count 3 be stayed pursuant to Section 654 of the Penal Code, and that Count 1 be served consecutively to Count 2.

CUSTODY:

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>ACTUAL TIME SERVED</u>	<u>4019 CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tul Co Jail	6-28-89 to 3-26-90	272 Days	68 Days Good Time 68 Days Work Time	408 Days

TERM:

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>BASE</u>	<u>ENHANCEMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
27850	1	Fel 187 P.C., 1st Degree w/ s/a 12022(a)PC	25 Yrs to Life	N/A	1 Year	25 Yrs to life + 1 Yr
	2	Fel 211 P.C., 1st Degree w/ s/a 12022(a)PC	2,3,5 Years	3 Yrs	1 Year	4 Yrs
	3	Fel 459 P.C., 2nd Degree w/ s/a 12022(a)PC	16 Mos, 2, 3 Yrs	2 Yrs	1 Year	3 Yrs

IT IS THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDED:

1. That the defendant's application for probation be DENIED.
2. That in Count 2, the defendant be committed to state prison for the total term of FOUR (4) YEARS; that he receive credit for 272 days spent in custody awaiting sentence plus 68 days good conduct credit and 68 days work time credit.

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3. That in Count 3, the defendant be committed to state prison for the total term of THREE (3) YEARS. It is recommended this term be stayed pursuant to Section 654 of the Penal Code.
4. That in Count 1, the defendant be committed to state prison for TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS TO LIFE. Regarding the enhancement of Section 12022(a) of the Penal Code, it is recommended that this one year term be served consecutive to any other term imposed. Further, it is recommended that this term run consecutively to the term imposed in Count 2. Further, pursuant to the rules of the state Board of Prison Terms, it is recommended the court direct the clerk to prepare two abstracts of judgment in this case; one to delineate the determinate sentence and the other to delineate the indeterminate sentence.

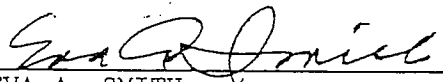
Further, it is recommended the defendant be advised pursuant to Section 1170(c) and 3000 of the California Penal Code that he may be placed on parole for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

It is further recommended the defendant pay a restitution fine pursuant to Section 13967 of the Government Code in the amount of \$10,000.

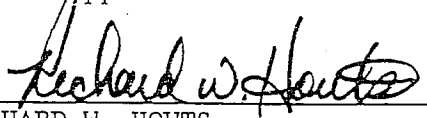
Respectfully submitted,

LARRY R. PRICE
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

DATED: March 26, 1990
EAS:sc
3-22-90

By 
EVA A. SMITH
PROBATION OFFICER II

Read and approved:

By 
RICHARD W. HOUTS
SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICER

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1203 of the Penal Code, I have read and considered the Report and Recommendation of the Probation Officer on file.

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ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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Abstract of Judgment
April 19, 1990
(Amendment to Abstract of Judgment, August 1, 1991)

in and for the County of Tulare

TULARE COUNTY

Abstract of Judgment

APR 19 1990

Commitment to State Prison

JAY C. BAYLESS, CLERK
BY BOBBYE COMER DEPUTY

Present:

Dept. No. 2 Case No. 27850
The People of the State of California

vs.

Cleve Otis Hulsey

Defendant.

Hon. Robert C. Van Auken

Judge of the Superior Court

James Kordell, Deputy DA

Prosecuting Attorney

James Wilson

Counsel for Defendant

This certifies that on the 19 day of April, 19 90, judgment of conviction of the above-named defendant was entered as follows:1) In Case No. 27850 Count No. 1 he was convicted by Court; on his plea of _____
(court or jury)Not Guilty

(guilty, not guilty, former conviction or acquittal, once in jeopardy, not guilty by reason of insanity)

of the crime of murder, first degree

(designation of crime and degree if any, including fact that it constitutes a second subsequent conviction of same offense if that affects the sentence.)

in violation of 187 of the Penal Code

(reference to Code or Statute, including Section and Subsection thereof, if any violated)

with prior felony convictions as follows:

DATE	COUNTY AND STATE	CRIME	DISPOSITION

Defendant has been held in jail custody for 0 days as a result of the same criminal act or acts for which he has been convicted.Defendant was not armed with a deadly weapon at the time of his commission of the offense or a concealed deadly weapon at the time of his arrest within the meaning of Sections 969c and 3024 of the Penal Code.
(was or was not)Defendant was not armed with a deadly weapon at the time of his commission of the offense within the meaning of Sections 969c and 12022 of the Penal Code.
(was or was not)Defendant did not use a firearm in his commission of the offense within the meaning of Sections 969d and 12022.5 of the Penal Code.
(used or did not use)

(Repeat foregoing with respect to each count of which defendant was convicted.)

ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT

(3) IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said defendant be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison of the State of California for the term provided by law, ^{25 years to life} and that he be remanded to the Sheriff of the County of Tulare and by him delivered to the Director of Corrections of the State of California at _____

Duel Vocational Facility, Tracy

It is ordered that sentences shall be served in respect to one another as follows (concurrently or consecutively as to each count):

and in respect to any prior uncompleted sentence(s) as follows (concurrently or consecutively as to all incomplete sentences from other jurisdictions):

(4) To the Sheriff of the County of Tulare and to the Director of Corrections at the _____

Duel Vocational Facility, Tracy

pursuant to the aforesaid judgment, this is to command you, the said Sheriff, to deliver the above-named defendant into the custody of the Director of Corrections at Duel Vocational Facility, Tracy California, at your earliest convenience.

Witness my hand and seal of said court

this 19th day of April, 1990

Jay C. Bayless

Clerk,

by [Signature] Deputy

State of California,

County of Tulare } ss.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct abstract of judgment duly made and entered on the minutes of the Superior Court in the above entitled action as provided by Penal Code Section 1213.

SEAL

Attest my hand and seal of the said Superior Court this 19 day of April, 1990

Jay C. Bayless By: [Signature] Deputy
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court of California in and for the County of Tulare

The Honorable [Signature]
Robert C. Van Aiken
Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare

NOTE: If probation was granted in any sentence of which abstract of judgment is certified, attach a minute order reciting the fact and imposing sentence or ordering a suspended sentence into effect.

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The People of the State of California
Plaintiff

vs

Cleve Otis Hulsey Defendant

Visalia, California April 19, 1990

No. 27850 Dept. 2

Judge, Hon. ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN

Clerk Bobbye Comer

Bailiff Daniel Fernandez

Reporter Susan Nelson

Interpreter

Nature of Hearing: JUDGMENT PROCEEDINGS

Counsel for the People: James Kordell, Deputy District Attorney

Counsel for the Defendant: James Wilson

Defendant ☒ present ☐ not present ☐ formal arraignment for judgment waived
Of ☐: The motion for reduction of the conviction is denied.
Court finds offense to be:

- Count 1 - Felony violation §187 PC, 1st degree w/SA 12022(a) PC
- Count 2 - Felony violation §211 PC, 1st degree w/SA 12022(a) PC
- Count 3 - Felony violation §459 PC, 2nd degree w/SA 12022(a) PC

ORDER: Probation ☒ denied ☐ granted for a period of _____ subject to the following terms and conditions ☐ additional terms and conditions on page two (Imposition of sentence suspended during this term)

Defendant committed to ☒ State Prison ☐ California Youth Authority;
☐ Tulare County Jail for the term as follows:

Count 1 - 25 years to life with 1 year for the enhancement for a total of 26 years to life

Count 2 - 3 years plus 1 year for the enhancement; total 4 years; concurrent to Count 1

Count 3 - 2 years plus 1 year for the enhancement; total 3 years; stayed pursuant to 654 PC

Defendant given credit for 296 days actual time plus 148 days conduct credit for a total of 444 days served awaiting sentence, as to counts 2 and 3.

Defendant shall pay a restitution fine in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 pursuant to Government Code §13967 ☐ stayed during term of probation after which time it shall become permanent.

☒ Defendant advised of ☐ appeal rights; ☒ parole obligation upon release from prison; ☐ consequences of violation of probation.

☐ Court finds the defendant ☐ does not have the ability to pay attorney fees; ☐ has the ability to pay attorney fees in the sum of \$ _____.

Notice of appeal filed with the court.

- ☐ Remaining counts dismissed
- ☒ Defendant remanded
- ☐ Bail Bond ☐ Cash Bail Exonerated
- ☐ Defendant released on probation

Clerk

The People of the State of California

vs.

Cleve Otis Hulsey

Visalia, California August 1, 1991

No. 27850 Dept. No. 4

Judge, Honorable ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN

Clerk Bobbye Comer

Bailiff

Reporter

Nature of Hearing AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT

Pursuant to instructions from the Fifth District
Court of Appeal and good cause appearing therefor,
it is hereby ordered that the abstract of judgment
dated April 19, 1990 be amended as follows:

The sentence imposed as to Count 2, robbery
and the use of a gun, are stayed, said stay
to become permanent upon the completion of
serving the sentence imposed in Count 1.

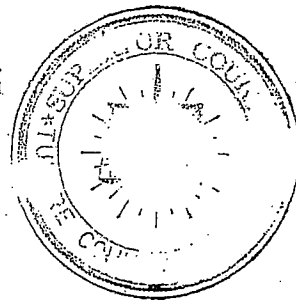
The document to which this certificate is affixed is a full,
true and correct copy of the original on file and of record
in my office.

Attest:

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NADINE SYRVEDA, County Clerk and of the
Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the
County of Tulare.

By

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Copy to Department of Corrections.

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Psychological Evaluation
February 25, 1993

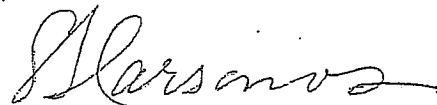
PERMANENT EVALUATION FOR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS
 APRIL, 1993, CALENDAR
 DOCUMENTATION HEARING
 FOLSOM STATE PRISON

HULSEY, E-53226

Cleve Otis Hulsey is a 21-year-old White inmate who was committed to the Department of Corrections from Tulare County on April 23, 1990, for the First Degree Murder of a convenience store clerk and for the Robbery of that store. According to the record, his codefendant shot the clerk. At the time of incarceration, the defendant's statement included, "It's real terrible that someone died. It shouldn't have happened, and had I been sober, it would not have." At the time of the current evaluation he stated, "I had just turned 18. I was drunk as a skunk, I was an alcoholic for a while. I was involved in a robbery and the store clerk was murdered. I did not shoot the clerk, I drove the car. It was the codefendant's idea, and I did not know until the crime was committed. My need was to be in bed." He had an apparent partial blackout for the incident.

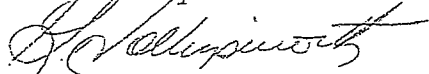
He denies any past psychiatric illness. He completed high school. He has no disciplinary reports. A chrono in his record dated May 29, 1992, includes a recommendation for a transfer to Calipatria IV. His extensive drug record began at age 13, and he indicates he began having blackouts regularly at age 14. He used alcohol, "just to get drunk." Though he had attended Narcotics Anonymous meetings at age 15 and at age 17, they seemed to have had no major impact on him. Since his incarceration, he feels that his attitude in general has changed, and then adds, "I do feel bitter at times."

He was cooperative throughout the evaluation, demonstrates good abstract thinking abilities, and appears to have an intelligence that is above average. There are no signs or symptoms of psychotic nor of neurotic illness. His regret for the instant offense appears authentic. The most appropriate psychiatric diagnosis would be that of Alcohol Dependence, in institutional remission. His expressed interest in college as well as in Alcoholics Anonymous appears sincere. He hopes to major in psychology, though expresses an interest in physical sciences, such as chemistry. His violence potential appears to be considerably less than that of the average inmate population. To this evaluator, he appears to be an individual who should, when it is administratively possible, do as much of his programming as possible at CMC, eventually entering into a Category "T" program. College is encouraged, if available.



E. A. LARSON, M.D.
 Staff Psychiatrist

Noted:



G. HOLLINGSWORTH, M.D.
 Chief Psychiatrist

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Psychological Evaluation
April 25, 2006

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION FOR
THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS UPDATE CLINICAL EVALUATION
April 2006

CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY SOLEDAD
APRIL 25, 2006

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

This is the second BPH psychological evaluation of Cleve Hulsey, CDC# E53226. However, it is the first time he has actually appeared before the Board. Hulsey is a single, 34-year-old Caucasian male. He has no unusual physical characteristics. He was convicted of Murder in the First Degree, Robbery in the First Degree and Burglary in the Second Degree.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

This is a psychological evaluation for the Board of Parole Hearings on inmate Hulsey. This report is the product of a personal interview of his central file and unit health record. This interview was a single contact for the purpose of preparing this report.

II. DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY:

He had no known prenatal or perinatal concerns or birth defects. He had no abnormalities of speech, language or motor development. His peer interactions and socialization skills were normal. He had no history of cruelty to animals or arson. His childhood medical history was normal. He had no history of physical or sexual abuse, either as a perpetrator or victim.

III. EDUCATION:

He is a high school graduate with at least average intelligence. He took some college courses at Old Folsom before they discontinued that program.

IV. FAMILY HISTORY:

Hulsey is the seventh of eight children born to his parents. His siblings include four brothers and three sisters. He described his family as being very close and supportive. He reportedly enlisted in the U.S. Navy following his high school graduation but never made it to boot camp, due to being discharged as a result of the instant conviction.

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V. PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT / SEXUAL ORIENTATION:

Hulsey describes a normal psychosexual development and says he is heterosexual in orientation.

VI. MARITAL HISTORY:

Hulsey has never been married.

VII. MILITARY HISTORY:

Hulsey enlisted in the Navy to become a Machinist's Mate.

VIII. EMPLOYMENT / INCOME HISTORY:

His employment history is limited due to his age at the time of arrest and his previous status as a student. He had jobs in the service industry, prior to his arrest. His work reports at CTF Soledad have been "above average."

IX. SUBSTANCE ABUSE HISTORY:

Hulsey has a history of alcohol and minimal marijuana use. His alcohol use at the time of his arrest was obviously heavy, as he said he was "drunk out of his mind", the night of the offense. His prior criminal activities are for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Public Intoxication.

X. PSYCHIATRIC AND MEDICAL HISTORY:

Hulsey has no identified psychiatric or psychological history. His medical health is "good."

XI. PLANS IF GRANTED RELEASE:

If granted parole, Hulsey plans to live with his parents. He has other family members who would help him keep on the "straight and narrow". He plans to work in construction as he says he is able to do "anything in construction." He would like to go to night school, obtain a degree in Computers and "better my living conditions."

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CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

XII. CURRENT MENTAL STATUS/TREATMENT NEEDS

Hulsey is currently in no psychological distress and requires no psychological or psychiatric intervention or treatment. He has been attending AA and should continue alcohol programming, if released.

CURRENT DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSIONS:

Axis I: Alcohol Dependence, in institutional remission

Axis II: None

Axis III: Back problems

Axis IV: Incarceration

Axis V: GAF: 90

XIII. REVIEW OF LIFE CRIME

A co-defendant in a car that Hulsey was driving shot and killed a store clerk during a robbery of the store. According to Hulsey's file, it was his idea to obtain a weapon from his brother to rob the store. Hulsey said he was extremely intoxicated at the time and that the amount of alcohol he consumed impaired his judgment. He regrets his involvement in the committed offense and "wishes it had never happened." He has resolved to ensure nothing like it occurs again.

XIV. ASSESSMENT OF DANGEROUSNESS

For the past six years, Hulsey has remained disciplinary-action free and has been able to follow rules in an institutional setting and, therefore, his dangerousness within a controlled setting is lower than the inmate population.

If released to the community, it appears he would be able to maintain his current sobriety and commitment to remaining abstinent. His assessment of dangerousness in the community is no more than the average person in a non-prison population.

A significant risk factor or precursor to violence for Hulsey would be a return to alcohol use. He should be periodically tested and attendance at Alcoholic Anonymous (or some other alcohol treatment modality) should be a mandatory requirement of parole.

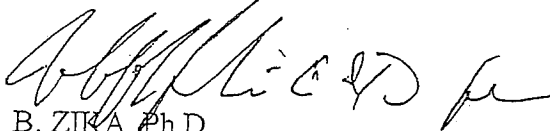
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XV. CLINICIAN OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Hulsey is competent and responsible for his behavior. He has the capacity to abide by institutional standards and has done so since 2000. Hulsey should do well in the future, as long as he remains drug and alcohol-free. Any treatment program is recommended that will help him maintain long-term sobriety. He does not have a mental health disorder which would necessitate treatment either during his incarceration or on parole.



W.K. Marek, Ph.D.
Correctional Psychologist
Correctional Training Facility, Soledad



B. ZILKA, Ph.D.
Senior Psychologist
Correctional Training Facility, Soledad

WM/kb

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Proceedings On Sentencing Transcript
April 19, 1990, pages 1 and 14

1 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE
3 DEPARTMENT 2 HONORABLE ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN, JUDGE

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5 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
6 CALIFORNIA,)

7 Plaintiff,)

8 vs.)

9 CLEVE OTIS HULSEY,)

10 Defendant.)

CASE NO. 27850

PROCEEDINGS ON SENTENCE

11 Visalia, California

April 19, 1990

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14 FILED
TULARE COUNTY

15 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT

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16 JAY C. BAYLESS, CLERK
17 BY [Signature] CLERK

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19 APPEARANCES:

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22 224 County Civic Center
Visalia, California 93291
BY: JAMES KORDELL

23 For the Defendant: JAMES T. WILSON,
24 Attorney at Law
25 3714 W. Mineral King Avenue
26 Visalia, California 93291

4/27/90
[Signature]

1 court that as long as they have no prior record and
2 are youthful that they can go out and commit a
3 homicide?

4 And I realize that Mr. Hulsey was a
5 participant by reason of the aider and abettor rule,
6 and that he was outside of the particular store in
7 question, and there was a young man, 17 years of age,
8 behind a counter who's no longer on earth because of
9 the fact that Mr. Hulsey's cohort -- however that
10 occurred, we don't know how that occurred, but
11 apparently the gun went off and killed that
12 individual.

13 And I am well aware of the particular
14 problems that all of us face with the felony murder
15 rule. And there have been other cases in this
16 courthouse where other individuals were outside a
17 particular residence and/or commercial establishments
18 where homicides occurred and they too suffered the
19 consequences of the main principal in the action.

20 And I am afraid that in Mr. Hulsey's
21 circumstance, because of the fact perhaps that he was
22 drinking alcohol that day or because of the other
23 factors that were mentioned in the 25-page report
24 supplied by defense counsel, he found himself in a
25 situation that he now has to pay his debt to
26 society.

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Cleve Hulsey, declare:

I am a resident of the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California; I am over the age of eighteen (18) years; I am a party to the attached action; My address is P. O. Box 705, WA-350L, Soledad, CA 93960-0705; I served the attached document entitled:

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

on the person/parties specified below by placing a true copy of said document into a sealed envelope with a Trust Account Withdrawal for the appropriate postage affixed thereto and surrendering said envelopes to the staff of the Correctional Training Facility entrusted with logging and mailing of inmate legal mail, addressed as followed:

Superior Court of California
County of Tulare
County Civic Center, Room 303
Visalia, CA 93291-1228

State of California
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Justice
455 Golden Gate Ave., Suite 11000
San Francisco, CA 94102-7004

There is First Class mail delivery service by the United States Post Office between the place of mailing and the addresses indicated above. I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, and I executed this service this 11th day of March, 2007, at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California.

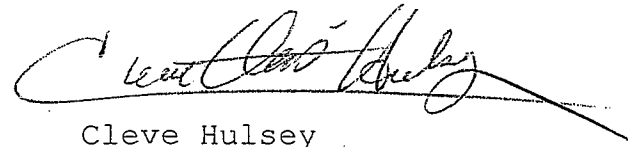
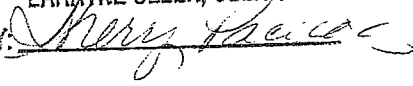

Cleve Hulsey

EXHIBIT 2

MAR 26 2007

LARAYNE CLEEK, CLERK

BY: 

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

In Re

CLEVE HULSEY

For Writ of Habeas Corpus

Case No180809

**RULING RE: PETITION
FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS**

Petitioner has failed to state a basis for relief.

The Court applies the "some evidence" standard of review to the denial of a parole release date by the Board of Prison Terms; *In Re Michael Lowe (2005) 130 Cal.App.4th; 31 Cal Rptr. 3d 1; In re Ramirez (2001) 94 Cal.4th 549, 563; In re Rosenkrantz (2000) 80 Cal. App.4th 409, 423, In re Powell (1988) 45 Cal.3d 894, 904*. Under the "some evidence" standard the Board of Prison term's decision will be upheld as long as there is "some basis in fact" for the decision.

In the case of *Irons v Carey (2007) 2007 DJDAR 3072*, the court stated as follows:

"The Board must determine whether a prisoner is presently too dangerous to be deemed suitable for parole based on the "circumstances tending to show unsuitability" and the "circumstances tending to show suitability" set forth in Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 15 Paragraph 2402(c)(d). A prisoner's commitment offense may constitute a circumstance tending to show that a prisoner is presently too dangerous to be found suitable for parole, but the denial of parole may be predicated on a prisoner's commitment offense only where the Board can "point to factors beyond the minimum elements of the crime for which the inmate was committed" that demonstrate the inmate will, at the time of the suitability hearing, present

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3 *a danger to society if released. In Re Dannenburg (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1071. Factors beyond the*
4 *minimum elements of the crime include, inter alia, that 'the offense was carried out in a dispassionate*
5 *and calculated manner,' that "the offense was carried out in a manner which demonstrates an*
6 *exceptionally callous disregard for human suffering" and that "the motive for the crime is inexplicable*
7 *or very trivial in relation to the offense." Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 15 Paragraph 2402(c)(B), (D)(E).*

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9 The record shows that there were relevant facts upon which the Board of Prison Terms could and
10 did base their decisions. In arriving at their decision of May 9, 2006 the Board of Prison Terms used the
11 following in denying the petitioner parole in finding he poses an unreasonable risk of danger to society:

12 1: (Decision Page 1, Lines 14-18 "First of all we'll talk about the commitment offense. It was
13 carried out in a very dispassionate and calculated manner such as an execution style murder. The
14 offense was carried out in a manner an especially cruel and callous manner." (Line 20-26) His
15 crime partner Mr. Abele, ultimately after spending the time with Mr. Hulsey and three juveniles
16 went into a store and robbed it with Mr. Hulsey's brother's 22 rifle with three rounds in it. The
17 storekeeper was ultimately murdered in this particular crime. (Page 2, Lines 1-5) ...Five dollars
18 in this robbery. While Mr. Hulsey did not do the robbery himself, he was in the car. He was a
19 participant and was found guilty of murder in the first degree."

20 2. (Decision Page 2, Line 15-18) "He had a brief history, three years of history of alcohol abuse"
21 He was 18 at the time of the crime.

22 3. The BPT found that the petitioner needed further time to address his alcohol issues. Alcohol was
23 a prime factor in the commitment crime.

24 4. The BPT found that the petitioner has incurred additional disciplinary 115s which concerned the
25 petitioner's ability to stay out of trouble.

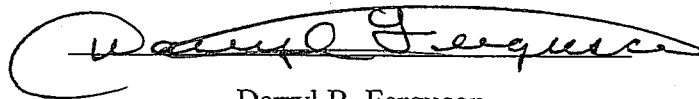
26 It is clear from the record that there was more than enough evidence to justify the denial of
27 petitioner's parole.

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Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is denied.

Date received by judge: 3-24-07

Dated: 3-26-07

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darryl B. Ferguson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Darryl B. Ferguson
Judge of the Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF TULARE
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People

Plaintiff/Petitioner,

vs.

Hulsey, Cleve

Defendant/Respondent.

Case No. VHC180809

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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Cleve Otis Hulsey

Petitioner

vs.

No. F052769

(To be supplied by the Clerk of the Court)

Board of Parole Hearings, et al

Respondent

INSTRUCTIONS—READ CAREFULLY

- If you are challenging an order of commitment or a criminal conviction and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county that made the order.
- If you are challenging the conditions of your confinement and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county in which you are confined.
- Read the entire form *before* answering any questions.
- This petition must be clearly handwritten in ink or typed. You should exercise care to make sure all answers are true and correct. Because the petition includes a verification, the making of a statement that you know is false may result in a conviction for perjury.
- Answer all applicable questions in the proper spaces. If you need additional space, add an extra page and indicate that your answer is "continued on additional page."
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This petition concerns:

- ☐ A conviction
 ☒ Parole
☐ A sentence
 ☐ Credits
☐ Jail or prison conditions
 ☐ Prison discipline
☐ Other (specify): _____

1. Your name: Cleve Otis Hulsey
 2. Where are you incarcerated? Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, CA
 3. Why are you in custody? ☒ Criminal Conviction ☐ Civil Commitment

Answer subdivisions a. through i. to the best of your ability.

- a. State reason for civil commitment or, if criminal conviction, state nature of offense and enhancements (for example, "robbery with use of a deadly weapon").

Murder, First Degree

- b. Penal or other code sections: 187
 c. Name and location of sentencing or committing court: Superior Court of California,
County of Tulare
 d. Case number: 27850
 e. Date convicted or committed: March 28, 1990
 f. Date sentenced: April 19, 1990
 g. Length of sentence: 25 years to life
 h. When do you expect to be released? Unknown
 i. Were you represented by counsel in the trial court? ☒ Yes. ☐ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address:
James T. Wilson, Attorney At Law, 3714 W. Mineral King Ave.,
Visalia, CA 93291

4. What was the LAST plea you entered? (check one)

☒ Not guilty ☐ Guilty ☐ Nolo Contendere ☐ Other: _____

5. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have?

☐ Jury ☒ Judge without a jury ☐ Submitted on transcript ☐ Awaiting trial

6. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

Ground 1: State briefly the ground on which you base your claim for relief. For example, "the trial court imposed an illegal enhancement." (If you have additional grounds for relief, use a separate page for each ground. State ground 2 on page four. For additional grounds, make copies of page four and number the additional grounds in order.)

See attached petition

a. Supporting facts:

Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law. If you are challenging the legality of your conviction, describe the facts upon which your conviction is based. *If necessary, attach additional pages.* CAUTION: You must state facts, not conclusions. For example, if you are claiming incompetence of counsel you must state facts specifically setting forth what your attorney did or failed to do and how that affected your trial. Failure to allege sufficient facts will result in the denial of your petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.) A rule of thumb to follow is: *who did exactly what to violate your rights at what time (when) or place (where).* (If available, attach declarations, relevant records, transcripts, or other documents supporting your claim.)

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority (optional):

(Briefly discuss, or list by name and citation, the cases or other authorities that you think are relevant to your claim. If necessary, attach an extra page.)

7. Ground 2 or Ground _____ (if applicable):

See attached petition

a. Supporting facts:

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority:

8. Did you appeal from the conviction, sentence, or commitment? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Name of court ("Court of Appeal" or "Appellate Dept. of Superior Court"):

b. Result _____ c. Date of decision: _____

d. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

e. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

f. Were you represented by counsel on appeal? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

9. Did you seek review in the California Supreme Court? ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Result _____ b. Date of decision: _____

c. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

d. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

10. If your petition makes a claim regarding your conviction, sentence, or commitment that you or your attorney did not make on appeal, explain why the claim was not made on appeal:

N/A

11. Administrative Review:

a. If your petition concerns conditions of confinement or other claims for which there are administrative remedies, failure to exhaust administrative remedies may result in the denial of your petition, even if it is otherwise meritorious. (See *In re Muszalski* (1975) 52 Cal.App.3d 500 [125 Cal.Rptr. 286].) Explain what administrative review you sought or explain why you did not seek such review:

N/A

b. Did you seek the highest level of administrative review available? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Attach documents that show you have exhausted your administrative remedies.

12. Other than direct appeal, have you filed any other petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this conviction, commitment, or issue in any court? ☐ Yes. If yes, continue with number 13. ☒ No. If no, skip to number 15.

13. a. (1) Name of court: _____
 (2) Nature of proceeding (for example, "habeas corpus petition"): _____
 (3) Issues raised: (a) _____
 (b) _____
 (4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____
 (5) Date of decision: _____
- b. (1) Name of court: _____
 (2) Nature of proceeding: _____
 (3) Issues raised: (a) _____
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 (4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____
 (5) Date of decision: _____

c. For additional prior petitions, applications, or motions, provide the same information on a separate page.

14. If any of the courts listed in number 13 held a hearing, state name of court, date of hearing, nature of hearing, and result:

15. Explain any delay in the discovery of the claimed grounds for relief and in raising the claims in this petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.)

N/A

16. Are you presently represented by counsel? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

17. Do you have any petition, appeal, or other matter pending in any court? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, explain:

18. If this petition might lawfully have been made to a lower court, state the circumstances justifying an application to this court:

N/A


I, the undersigned, say: I am the petitioner in this action. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing allegations and statements are true and correct, except as to matters that are stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Date:

APRIL 29, 2007

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 (SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner, Cleve Otis Hulsey, in pro per, petitions for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, and by this verified petition states as follows:

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INTRODUCTION

Thirty-five-year-old state prisoner Cleve Otis Hulsey is petitioning this Court for a writ of habeas corpus seeking to overturn the Board of Parole Hearings' [hereinafter Board] denial of parole on the grounds that his rights secured under the State and Federal Constitutions, and various provisions of the California Penal Code and Division 2, Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations [hereinafter CCR], were violated by agents of the California Board of Parole Hearings.

At the May 9, 2006 parole hearing, the Board determined that petitioner, who was sentenced to 25 years to life for first degree murder in 1990, should remain in prison on three

1 purported grounds: the crime was perpetrated in a dispassionate
2 and calculated manner, the crime demonstrated an exceptionally
3 callous disregard for human suffering and the motive for the
4 crime was inexplicable.

5 Our Supreme Court's decision in *Rosenkrantz* holds that a
6 Board parole decision violates due process and must be reversed
7 if there is not "some evidence" in the record to support it.
8 Also, although parole may in some cases be denied on the basis
9 of the crime, there must be evidence to support a finding that
10 the crime was particularly egregious. (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2002)
11 29 Cal.4th 616, 683.)

12 In *Dannenberg* our Supreme Court held "[S]ole reliance on
13 the commitment offense might, in particular cases, violate
14 section 3041, subdivision (a)'s provision that a parole date
15 'shall normally be set' under 'uniform term' principles, and
16 might thus also contravene the inmate's constitutionally
17 protected expectation of parole. We explained that such a
18 violation could occur, 'for example[,] where no circumstances of
19 the offense reasonable could be considered more aggravated or
20 violent than the minimum necessary to sustain a conviction for
21 that offense.' (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 683.)
22 Quoting *Ramirez, supra*, 94 Cal.App.4th 549, 570, we suggested
23 that, in order to prevent that parole authority's case-by-case
24 suitability determination from swallowing the rule that parole
25 should 'normally' be granted, an offense must be 'particularly
26 egregious' to justify the denial of parole. (*Rosenkrantz, supra*,
27 at 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg* (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1094-1095.)
28 The Supreme Court then held "As we have explained, however,

1 the Board must apply detailed standards when evaluating whether
2 an individual inmate is unsuitable for parole on public safety
3 grounds. (See § 3041, subd. (b); CCR § 2402.) When the Board
4 bases unsuitability on the circumstances of the commitment
5 offense, it must cite 'some evidence' of aggravating facts
6 beyond the minimum elements of that offense. (Rosenkrantz,
7 *supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg, supra*, 34
8 Cal.4th 1061, 1095.)

9 Therefore, the Board must follow and apply the standards
10 articulated and set forth by our Supreme Court in determining
11 that the circumstances of the commitment offense were
12 "particularly egregious" and that there existed aggravating
13 facts "beyond the minimum elements of that offense" and support
14 that determination with "some evidence" in the record. As will
15 be shown below, the Board failed to meet these requirements
16 resulting in the violation of petitioner's due process rights
17 and the Superior Court of Tulare County failed to apply
18 controlling legal precedent to the facts that were before it.

19 II

20 This petition is addressed to this court's jurisdiction in
21 the second instance and based on the material herein and the
22 full record that was before the Superior Court of Tulare County,
23 Case No. 180809. (See Attachment One, Petition for Writ of
24 Habeas Corpus)

25 III

26 Petitioner would incorporate the grounds, claims, facts and
27 legal arguments in the attached petition and memorandum by
28 reference herein.

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2 *Claim:* The Board failed to follow or apply the controlling
3 legal principles, the decision was devoid of the "some evidence"
4 required by law and was arbitrary and capricious, resulting in a
5 due process violation of Article I, § 7 of the California
6 constitution and the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment to
7 the United States Constitution.

8 *Argument:* Our Supreme Court has held "that the judicial
9 branch is authorized to review the factual basis of a decision
10 of the Board denying parole in order to ensure that the decision
11 comports with the requirements of due process of law, but that
12 in conducting such review, the court may inquire only whether
13 some evidence in the record before the Board supports the
14 decision to deny parole, based upon the factors specified by
15 statute and regulation. If the decision's consideration of the
16 specified factors is not supported by some evidence in the
17 record and thus is devoid of a factual basis, the court should
18 grant the prisoner's petition for writ of habeas corpus and
19 should order the board to vacate its decision denying parole and
20 therefore to proceed in accordance with due process of law."

21 (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, emphasis added.)

22 The Supreme Court held "As we have explained, however, the
23 Board must apply detailed standards when evaluating whether an
24 individual inmate is unsuitable for parole on public safety
25 grounds. (See § 3041, subd. (b); CCR § 2402.) When the Board
26 bases unsuitability on the circumstances of the commitment
27 offense, it must cite 'some evidence' of aggravating facts
28 beyond the minimum elements of that offense. (*Rosenkrantz*,

1 *supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg* (2005), 34
2 Cal.4th 1061, 1095, emphasis in original.)

3 For the Board's, and lower Court's, decision to withstand
4 judicial review it must have cited some evidence, from the
5 record, that petitioner's commitment offense: 1) Was committed
6 in an especially egregious manner; and 2) Contained aggravating
7 facts beyond the minimum elements of that offense. Also, the
8 evidence cited by the Board must rationally indicate that the
9 prisoner currently presents an unreasonable public safety risk
10 if released from prison. ("[A] life term offense or any other
11 offenses underlying an indeterminate sentence must be
12 particularly egregious to justify the denial of parole date."

13 (*In re Ramirez* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th 549, 570; disapproved on
14 other grounds in *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 34 Cal.4th 1061.)
15 When the Board bases unsuitability on the circumstances of the
16 commitment offense, it must cite "some evidence" of aggravating
17 facts *beyond the minimum elements of that offense*.

18 (*Rosenkrantz*, *supra*, at 658, 683; *In re Dannenberg*, *supra*, 34
19 Cal.4th 1061, 1095, emphasis in original.)

20 The Superior Court of Tulare County denied the petition for
21 writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that there were relevant
22 facts supporting the Board's decision. However, none of the
23 facts cited by the lower Court in support of the denial complied
24 with either the regulations, statutes or California Supreme
25 Court precedence. The Superior Court, referencing the hearing
26 transcript, stated "1: (Decision Page 1, Lines 14-18 'First of
27 all we'll talk about the commitment offense. It was carried out
28 in a very dispassionate and calculated manner such as an

1 execution style murder. The offense was carried out in a manner
2 an especially cruel and callous manner." (Attachment Two, p. 2,
3 L 12-14.). The actual hearing transcript states, "First of all
4 we'll talk about the commitment offense. It was carried out in
5 an especially cruel and callous manner in that his crime
6 partner, who I read in the legal documents got life without the
7 possibility of parole." (Attachment One, Exhibit 1, Initial
8 Parole Consideration Hearing Transcript, p. 66, L 14-18.) There
9 is absolutely no evidence in the record of this case that
10 supports the allegation that the commitment offense was an
11 execution-style murder. The fact that petitioner's crime
12 partner received a term of life without the possibility of
13 parole is not "some evidence" that petitioner committed an
14 especially egregious crime. "[Petitioner] is entitled to have
15 his application for these benefits [parole] 'duly considered'
16 based upon an *individualized consideration* of all relevant
17 factors." (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th at p. 655, emphasis
18 added.) Neither the Board nor the Superior Court can ascribe
19 acts committed by one party to another. To assign to petitioner
20 the act committed by his crime partner, and then rely upon this
21 "fact" as "some evidence" that petitioner's release unreasonably
22 endangers public safety, is untenable. Petitioner willingly
23 participated in a robbery. While petitioner sat in the getaway
24 car, his crime partner entered the store and during the robbery
25 an innocent victim was killed. Petitioner was convicted under
26 the felony murder rule. Petitioner did not shoot or murder
27 anyone.

28 "The test is not whether some evidence supports the reasons

1 the [Board] cites for denying parole, but whether some evidence
2 indicates a parolee's release *unreasonably endangers public*
3 *safety*. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subd. (a) [parole
4 denied if prisoner 'will pose an unreasonable risk of danger to
5 society if released from prison']; see e.g. *In re Scott* (2005)
6 133 Cal.App.4th 573, 595 ['The commitment offense can negate
7 suitability [for parole] only if circumstances of the crime...
8 rationally indicate the offender will present an unreasonable
9 public safety risk if released from prison'].) Some evidence of
10 the existence of a particular factor does not necessarily equate
11 to some evidence the parolee's release *unreasonably endangers*
12 *public safety*." (*In re Lee* (2006) 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 931, 936-937.)

13 The Board, and the Superior Court, failed to demonstrate or
14 cite any reliable evidence which would indicate that
15 petitioner's release would *unreasonably endanger public safety*
16 as required by statute. Based on California law the Board's
17 decision resulted in a violation of petitioner's due process
18 rights. (Petitioner would respectfully request that this court
19 take judicial notice of Argument I in the original petition for
20 writ of habeas corpus, Amendment One, pp. 11-20.)

21 V

22 *Claim:* The Board violated the Due Process Clause of the
23 Fifth Amendment and the notice and jury trial guarantees of the
24 Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States
25 Constitution.

26 *Argument:* The United States Supreme Court held in
27 *Cunningham v. California*, ___ U.S. ___ (2007), "[P]lacing
28 sentence-elevating fact-finding within the judge's [or Board's]

1 province, violate[d] a defendant's right to trial by jury
2 safeguarded by the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments." In
3 *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466, 490, the United States
4 Supreme Court held that, under the Sixth Amendment, "[A]ny fact
5 (other than a prior conviction) that exposes a defendant to a
6 sentence in excess of the relevant statutory maximum must be
7 found by a jury, not a judge, and established beyond a
8 reasonable doubt, not merely by a preponderance of the
9 evidence." (See also *Jones v. United States*, 526 U.S. 227, 244
10 (1999).) The "statutory maximum" in this case is 25 years.

11 The Board relied on facts and elements of the crime that
12 were neither charged in the original indictment nor admitted by
13 petitioner. (i.e., That the crime was an execution-style
14 murder.). This is a violation of the Due Process Clause of the
15 Fifth Amendment as well as the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments
16 to the United States Constitution.

17 The United States Supreme court held that "[T]he relevant
18 'statutory maximum,' is not the maximum sentence a judge may
19 impose after finding additional facts, but the maximum he may
20 impose without any additional findings." (*Blakley v.*
21 *Washington*, 542 U.S. 296, 303-304, emphasis in original.)
22 (Petitioner would respectfully request that this court take
23 judicial notice of Argument II in the original writ of habeas
24 corpus, Attachment One, pp. 20-23.)

25 The Board's reliance on facts not charged in the indictment,
26 proven beyond a reasonable doubt to a judge or jury, or admitted
27 by petitioner, resulted in a constitutional violation of his
28 Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendment rights. The Judge of the

1 Superior Court for the County of Tulare failed to address the
2 merits of this issue.

3 Therefore, the decision of unsuitability should be reversed
4 and the Board should be ordered to schedule a new hearing at
5 which a parole release date will be set in accordance with the
6 law.

7 CONCLUSION

8 The California rules governing parole in murder cases, for
9 which parole eligibility is provided by statute, [See CCR §
10 2402] are as follows: "[P]arole eligibility is the rule, rather
11 than the exception." (*In re Scott*, (2004) 119 Cal.App.4th at p.
12 891.) "[P]arole is 'normally' to be granted." (*Id.* '[quoting
13 Penal Code § 3041 (a)].) The murder giving rise to the
14 prisoner's incarceration must be "particularly egregious" for
15 parole to be denied. (*In re Rosenkrantz*, *supra*, 29 Cal.4th at
16 p. 683.) Indeed, a murder must be "heinous, atrocious or cruel"
17 if, as here, the offense is to serve as the basis for parole
18 denial. (CCR § 2402 (c)(1).) In addition, in such cases, the
19 prisoner must presently present a danger to society. (Penal
20 Code § 3401 (b).) In short, in petitioner's case, the
21 circumstances surrounding the crime or the manner in which it
22 was committed must show not only that the first degree murder at
23 issue was more cruel or vicious than the ordinary first degree
24 murder, but also that petitioner would likely pose a current
25 risk to public safety if released. The record in this case
26 contains absolutely no evidence that would meet either of the
27 two requirements. The record establishes that petitioner does
28 not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety. Any contrary

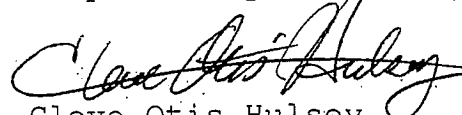
1 conclusion lacks any evidentiary support. Thus, there can be
2 little doubt that the Board violated the applicable laws and
3 regulations when it found petitioner unsuitable for parole.
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5 WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully requests that this court:

- 6 1. Take judicial notice of the full record;
7 2. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus or Order to Show Cause to
8 the Director of Corrections and the Chairperson, Board of Parole
9 Hearings, to inquire into the illegal and unconstitutional
10 actions stated in the petition;
11 3. Appoint counsel;
12 4. Declare the rights of the parties;
13 5. Not allow intuitional transfer until the full outcome of
14 this case; and
15 6. Grant any other and further relief the court deems just.
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17 DATED: April 29, 2007

Respectfully submitted,


Cleve Otis Hulsey
Petitioner, In Pro Per

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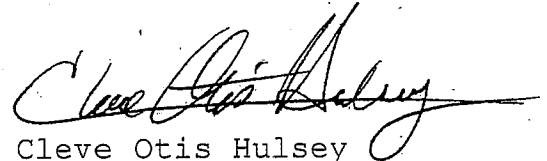
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VERIFICATION

I, Cleve Otis Hulsey, state:

I am the petitioner in this action. All the facts in the above document, not otherwise supported by citations to the record, attachments, or other documents, are true of my own personal knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on April 29, 2007, at the Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, California.



Cleve Otis Hulsey

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Attachment One

Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Case No. 180809),
Superior Court of Tulare County

Attachment Two

Order Denying Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
Superior Court of Tulare County

A T T A C H M E N T

ONE

Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
Superior Court of Tulare County

MC-275

Name Cleve Hulsey

Address P. O. Box 705, WA-350L

Soledad, CA 93960-0705

CDC or ID Number E-53226

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF TULARE

(Court)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Cleve Hulsey

Petitioner

vs.

No. _____

(To be supplied by the Clerk of the Court)

Board of Parole Hearings, et. al

Respondent

INSTRUCTIONS—READ CAREFULLY

- If you are challenging an order of commitment or a criminal conviction and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county that made the order.
- If you are challenging the conditions of your confinement and are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you should file it in the county in which you are confined.
- Read the entire form before answering any questions.
- This petition must be clearly handwritten in ink or typed. You should exercise care to make sure all answers are true and correct. Because the petition includes a verification, the making of a statement that you know is false may result in a conviction for perjury.
- Answer all applicable questions in the proper spaces. If you need additional space, add an extra page and indicate that your answer is "continued on additional page."
- If you are filing this petition in the Superior Court, you need file only the original unless local rules require additional copies. Many courts require more copies.
- If you are filing this petition in the Court of Appeal, file the original and four copies of the petition and, if separately bound, one copy of any supporting documents.
- If you are filing this petition in the California Supreme Court, file the original and ten copies of the petition and, if separately bound, two copies of any supporting documents.
- Notify the Clerk of the Court in writing if you change your address after filing your petition.
- In most cases, the law requires service of a copy of the petition on the district attorney, city attorney, or city prosecutor. See Penal Code section 1475 and Government Code section 72193. You may serve the copy by mail.

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This petition concerns:

- ☐ A conviction
 ☒ Parole
☐ A sentence
 ☐ Credits
☐ Jail or prison conditions
 ☐ Prison discipline
☐ Other (specify): _____

1. Your name: Cleve Hulsey
2. Where are you incarcerated? Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, CA
3. Why are you in custody? ☒ Criminal Conviction ☐ Civil Commitment

Answer subdivisions a. through i. to the best of your ability.

- a. State reason for civil commitment or, if criminal conviction, state nature of offense and enhancements (for example, "robbery with use of a deadly weapon").

Murder, First Degree

- b. Penal or other code sections: 187
- c. Name and location of sentencing or committing court: Superior Court of California, County of Tulare
- d. Case number: 27850
- e. Date convicted or committed: March 28, 1990
- f. Date sentenced: April 19, 1990
- g. Length of sentence: 25 years to life
- h. When do you expect to be released? unknown
- i. Were you represented by counsel in the trial court? ☒ Yes. ☐ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address:
James T. Wilson, Attorney At Law, 3714 W. Mineral King Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291

4. What was the LAST plea you entered? (check one)

☒ Not guilty ☐ Guilty ☐ Nolo Contendere ☐ Other: _____

5. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have?

☐ Jury ☒ Judge without a jury ☐ Submitted on transcript ☐ Awaiting trial

6. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

Ground 1: State briefly the ground on which you base your claim for relief. For example, "the trial court imposed an illegal enhancement." (If you have additional grounds for relief, use a separate page for each ground. State ground 2 on page four. For additional grounds, make copies of page four and number the additional grounds in order.)

See attached petition

a. Supporting facts:

Tell your story briefly without citing cases or law. If you are challenging the legality of your conviction, describe the facts upon which your conviction is based. *If necessary, attach additional pages.* CAUTION: You must state facts, not conclusions. For example, if you are claiming incompetence of counsel you must state facts specifically setting forth what your attorney did or failed to do and how that affected your trial. Failure to allege sufficient facts will result in the denial of your petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.) A rule of thumb to follow is: *who did exactly what to violate your rights at what time (when) or place (where).* (If available, attach declarations, relevant records, transcripts, or other documents supporting your claim.)

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority (optional):

(Briefly discuss, or list by name and citation, the cases or other authorities that you think are relevant to your claim. If necessary, attach an extra page.)

7. Ground 2 or Ground _____ (if applicable):

See attached petition

a. Supporting facts:

b. Supporting cases, rules, or other authority:

8. Did you appeal from the conviction, sentence, or commitment? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Name of court ("Court of Appeal" or "Appellate Dept. of Superior Court"):

b. Result: _____ c. Date of decision: _____

d. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

e. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

f. Were you represented by counsel on appeal? ☐ Yes. ☐ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

9. Did you seek review in the California Supreme Court? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, give the following information:

a. Result: _____ b. Date of decision: _____

c. Case number or citation of opinion, if known: _____

d. Issues raised: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

10. If your petition makes a claim regarding your conviction, sentence, or commitment that you or your attorney did not make on appeal, explain why the claim was not made on appeal:

N/A

11. Administrative Review:

a. If your petition concerns conditions of confinement or other claims for which there are administrative remedies, failure to exhaust administrative remedies may result in the denial of your petition, even if it is otherwise meritorious. (See *In re Muszalski* (1975) 52 Cal.App.3d 500 [125 Cal.Rptr. 286].) Explain what administrative review you sought or explain why you did not seek such review:

N/A

b. Did you seek the highest level of administrative review available? ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Attach documents that show you have exhausted your administrative remedies.

12. Other than direct appeal, have you filed any other petitions, applications, or motions with respect to this conviction, commitment, or issue in any court? ☐ Yes. If yes, continue with number 13. ☒ No. If no, skip to number 15.

13. a. (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Nature of proceeding (for example, "habeas corpus petition"): _____
- (3) Issues raised: (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____
- (5) Date of decision: _____
- b. (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Nature of proceeding: _____
- (3) Issues raised: (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (4) Result (Attach order or explain why unavailable): _____
- (5) Date of decision: _____

c. For additional prior petitions, applications, or motions, provide the same information on a separate page.

14. If any of the courts listed in number 13 held a hearing, state name of court, date of hearing, nature of hearing, and result:

15. Explain any delay in the discovery of the claimed grounds for relief and in raising the claims in this petition. (See *In re Swain* (1949) 34 Cal.2d 300, 304.)
- N/A

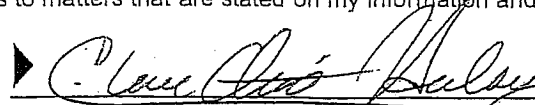
16. Are you presently represented by counsel? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, state the attorney's name and address, if known:

17. Do you have any petition, appeal, or other matter pending in any court? ☐ Yes. ☒ No. If yes, explain:

18. If this petition might lawfully have been made to a lower court, state the circumstances justifying an application to this court:
- N/A

I, the undersigned, say: I am the petitioner in this action. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing allegations and statements are true and correct, except as to matters that are stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Date: March 11, 2007

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(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)

Cleve Hulsey, E-53226
P. O. Box 705, WA-350L
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Petitioner, In Pro Per

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF TULARE

Cleve Hulsey,

Petitioner,

v.

Board of Parole Hearings, et al.,

Respondent.

Case No.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

Petitioner hereby petitions for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and
by this verified petition states as follows:

I

INTRODUCTION

1. The Board of Parole Hearings [hereinafter Board] failed
to make its suitability determination in a manner consistent

1 with its obligation under the California Penal Code, California
2 Code of Regulations and settled California law. The Board's
3 decision failed to follow or apply controlling legal principles
4 and its own regulations in finding petitioner unsuitable for
5 parole, the decision was devoid of the "some evidence" required
6 by law, and was arbitrary and capricious resulting in a due
7 process violation of Article 1, § 7 of the California
8 Constitution and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the
9 United States Constitution. The Board violated the Due Process
10 Clause of the Fifth Amendment and the notice and jury trial
11 guarantees of the Sixth Amendment of the United States
12 Constitution. For these reasons the Board's finding that
13 petitioner is unsuitable for parole should be reversed.

14 II

15 PARTIES

16 2. Petitioner Cleve Hulsey is a prisoner of the State of
17 California and is currently incarcerated at the Correctional
18 Training Facility in Soledad, California.

19 3. Respondent Ben Curry is the Acting Warden of the
20 Correctional Training Facility, Soledad, California.

21 4. Respondent J. Dovey is the Director of the California
22 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations.

23 5. Respondent James Davis is the Chairperson of the Board
24 of Parole Hearings and is responsible for its operations.
25 (Penal Code § 5075.)

26 6. Respondent Arnold Schwarzenegger is the Governor of the
27 State of California and is responsible for the Board's
28 operation. (Penal Code §§ 5075, 3041.1 and 3041.2.)

III

STATEMENT OF FACTS

7. Petitioner was convicted of first degree murder on March 28, 1990, and sentenced to 25 years-to-life on April 19, 1990.

8. On May 9, 2006, Petitioner's Initial Parole Consideration Hearing was held before the Board. Petitioner was found unsuitable and denied parole for a period of three years.

9. Petitioner has no other plain or adequate remedy in the ordinary course of the law. This petition is addressed to this court's original habeas corpus jurisdiction because the issues raised are of constitutional dimension, questioning the legality of petitioner's confinement. A petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus based upon factual allegations to be determined by reviewing court is generally first brought in the Superior Court. (*In re Hillery* (1972) 202 Cal.App.2nd 293.) Petitioner alleges that the Board violated his due process rights by failing to find him suitable for parole, thus depriving him of a liberty interest. The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and the California Constitution, Article I, section 7, subdivision (a), prohibit the government from depriving an inmate of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Petitioner has been denied due process of law in violation of not only the United States Constitution but also the Constitution of the State of California, the California Penal Code, the California Code of Regulations, and established law. This is petitioner's first request for habeas relief, and thus is properly filed in this court.

10. The accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities

1 and factual allegations contained herein, as well as the exhibits
2 appended to this petition are incorporated herein by reference.

3 WHEREFORE, petitioner respectfully prays that this Court:

4 A. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus directing the Director of
5 the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to inquire into
6 the legality of petitioner's incarceration;

7 B. Order the immediate release of the petitioner; or

8 C. Order the Board to schedule and commence a new term-
9 fixing hearing within thirty days, and to render a new
10 determination in strict accordance with both the letter and
11 spirit of the regulations and law;

12 D. Conduct an evidentiary hearing;

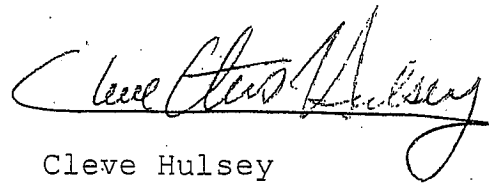
13 E. Appoint counsel;

14 F. Declare the rights of the parties; and

15 G. Grant any and all relief the court deems appropriate.

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17 DATED: March 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Petitioner, In Pro Per

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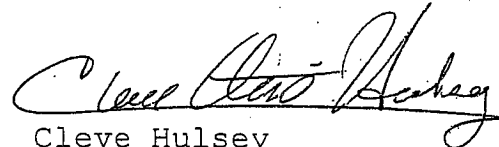
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VERIFICATION

I, Cleve Hulsey, state:

I am the petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing petition for writ of habeas corpus and the attached memorandum of points of authority, and the facts stated therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on my own information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Soledad, California on March 11, 2007.


Cleve Hulsey
Petitioner, In Pro Per

MEMORANDUM AND POINTS OF AUTHORITY

INTRODUCTION

"The Board of Prison Terms is authorized by statute to determine parole suitability, and to exercise its discretion in deciding whether to grant or deny parole." (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2000) 80 Cal.App.4th 409, 423; Penal Code, § 3040.)

Penal Code section 3041 sets forth criteria for determining parole and provides in pertinent part: "(a) ... One year prior to the inmate's minimum eligible release date a panel consisting of at least two commissioners on the Board of Prison Terms shall ... meet with the inmate and shall normally set a parole release date.... The release date shall be set in a manner that will provide uniform terms for offenses of similar gravity and magnitude in respect to their threat to the public, and that will comply with the sentencing rules that the Judicial Council may issue and any sentencing information relevant to the setting of parole release dates. The Board shall establish criteria for setting of parole release dates and in doing so shall consider the number of victims of the crime for which the prisoner was sentenced and other factors in mitigation or aggravation of the crime ... [¶] (b) The panel or board shall set a release date unless it determines that the gravity of the current convicted offenses, or the timing and gravity of current or past convicted offense, or offenses, is such that consideration of the public safety requires a more lengthy period of incarceration for this individual, and that a parole date, therefore, cannot be fixed at this meeting."

The California Code of Regulations (hereinafter CCR), title

1 15, division 2, chapter 3, article 11, section 2400 et seq. set
2 forth additional criteria for determining parole suitability for
3 persons found guilty of murders committed after November 7,
4 1978. Subdivision (a) of section 2402 provides: "The panel
5 shall first determine whether the life prisoner is suitable for
6 release on parole. Regardless of the length of time served, a
7 life prisoner shall be found unsuitable for and denied parole if
8 in the judgment of the panel the prisoner will pose an
9 unreasonable risk of danger to society if released from prison."

10 Subdivision (b) of section 2402 directs the Board to
11 consider "[a]ll relevant, reliable information available to the
12 panel ... in determining suitability for parole. Such
13 information shall include [(1)] the circumstances of the
14 prisoner's social history; [(2)] past and present mental state;
15 [(3)] past criminal history; including involvement in other
16 criminal misconduct which is reliable documented; [(4)] the base
17 and other commitment offenses, including behavior before, during
18 and after the crime; [(5)] past and present attitude towards the
19 crime; [(6)] any conditions of treatment or control, including
20 the use of special conditions under which the prisoner may
21 safely be released to the community; and [(7)] any other
22 information which bears on the prisoner's suitability for
23 release. Circumstances which taken alone may not firmly
24 establish unsuitability for parole may contribute to a pattern
25 which results in a finding of unsuitability."

26 Subdivision (c) of section 2402 sets forth the
27 "circumstances tending to show unsuitability" for parole, which
28 "include: [¶] (1) Commitment Offense. The prisoner committed

1 the offense in an especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner.
2 The factors to be considered include: [¶] (A) Multiple victims
3 were attacked, injured or killed in the same or separate
4 incidents. [¶] (B) the offense was carried out in a
5 dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-style
6 murder. [¶] (C) The victim was abused, defiled or mutilated
7 during or after the offense. [¶] (D) The offense was carried
8 out in a manner which demonstrates an exceptionally callous
9 disregard for human suffering. [¶] (E) The motive for the crime
10 is inexplicable or very trivial in relation to the offense. [¶]
11 (2) Previous Record of Violence. The prisoner on previous
12 occasions inflicted or attempted to inflict serious injury on a
13 victim, particularly if the prisoner demonstrated serious
14 assaultive behavior at an early age. [¶] (3) Unstable Social
15 History. The prisoner has a history of unstable or tumultuous
16 relationships with others. [¶] (4) Sadistic Sexual Offenses.
17 The prisoner has previously sexually assaulted another in a
18 manner calculated to inflict unusual pain or fear upon the
19 victim. [¶] (5) Psychological Factors: The prisoner has a
20 lengthy history of severe mental problems related to the
21 offense. [¶] (6) Institutional Behavior. The prisoner has
22 engaged in serious misconduct in prison or jail."

23 Subdivision (d) of section 2402 sets forth the
24 "circumstances tending to show suitability" for parole, which
25 "include: [¶] (1) No Juvenile record. The prisoner does not have
26 a record of assaulting others as a juvenile or committing crimes
27 with a potential of personal harm to victims. [¶] (2) Stable
28 Social History. The prisoner has experienced reasonable stable

1 relationships with others. [¶] (3) Signs of Remorse. The
2 prisoner performed acts which tends to indicate the presence of
3 remorse, such as attempting to repair the damage, seeking help
4 for or relieving suffering of the victim, or indicating that he
5 understands the nature and magnitude of the offense. [¶] (4)
6 Motivation for Crime. The prisoner committed his crime as the
7 result of significant stress in his life, especially if the
8 stress has built over a long period of time. ... [¶] (6) Lack of
9 Criminal History. The prisoner lacks any significant history of
10 violent crime. [¶] (7) Age. The prisoner's present age reduces
11 the probability of recidivism. [¶] (8) Understanding and Plans
12 for Future. The prisoner has made realistic plans for release
13 or has developed marketable skills that can be put to use upon
14 release. [¶] (9) Institutional Behavior. Institutional
15 activities indicate an enhanced ability to function within the
16 law upon release."

17 In *Rosenkrantz*, our Supreme Court held "that the judicial
18 branch is authorized to review the factual basis of a decision
19 of the Board denying parole in order to ensure that the decision
20 comports with the requirements of due process of law, but that
21 in conducting such a review, the court may inquire only whether
22 some evidence in the record before the Board supports the
23 decision to deny parole, based upon the factors specified by
24 statute and regulation. If the decision's consideration of the
25 specified factors is not supported by some evidence in the record
26 and thus is devoid of a factual basis, the court should grant
27 the prisoner's petition for writ of habeas corpus and should
28 order the Board to vacate its decision denying parole and

1 therefore to proceed in accordance with due process of law."

2 (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, emphasis added.)

3 In *Dannenberg* the Supreme Court held "In that regard, we
4 noted that 'the nature of the prisoner's offense, alone, can
5 constitute a sufficient basis for denying parole. [Citations.]'
6 (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 682.) While neither the
7 board nor the Governor may adopt a blanket no-parole policy for
8 particular offenses, we said, 'the [parole] authority properly
9 may weigh heavily the degree of violence used and the amount of
10 viciousness shown by a defendant.' (*Id.*, at p. 683.) [¶]

11 However, we cautioned, sole reliance on the commitment offense
12 might, in particular cases, violate section 3041, subdivision
13 (a)'s provision that a parole date 'shall normally be set' under
14 'uniform term' principles, and might thus also contravene the
15 inmate's constitutionally protected expectation of parole. We
16 explained that such a violation could occur, 'for example[,]
17 where no circumstances of the offense reasonable could be
18 considered more aggravated or violent than the minimum necessary
19 to sustain a conviction for that offense.' (*Rosenkrantz, supra*,
20 29 Cal.4th 616, 683.) Quoting *Ramirez, supra*, 94 Cal.App.4th
21 549, 570, we suggested that, in order to prevent the parole
22 authority's case-by-case suitability determinations from
23 swallowing the rule that parole should 'normally' be granted, an
24 offense must be 'particularly egregious' to justify the denial
25 of parole. (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, at 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg*,
26 (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1094-1095.)

27 The Supreme Court then held "As we have explained, however,
28 the Board must apply detailed standards when evaluating whether

1 an individual inmate is unsuitable for parole on public safety
2 grounds. (See § 3041, subd. (b); CCR § 2402.) When the Board
3 bases unsuitability on the circumstances of the commitment
4 offense, it must cite 'some evidence' of aggravating facts
5 *beyond the minimum elements of that offense.* (Rosenkrantz,
6 *supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 658, 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg, supra*, 34
7 Cal.4th 1061, 1095.)

8 Therefore, the Board must follow and apply the standards
9 set forth above in determining that the circumstances of the
10 commitment offense were "particularly egregious" and support
11 that determination with "some evidence" in the record. As will
12 be shown below, the Board failed to meet this requirement, as
13 well as controlling legal principles, which resulted in a
14 violation of petitioner's due process rights and other state and
15 federal constitutional rights.

16 I

17 *Claim:* The Board failed to follow or apply the controlling
18 legal principles, the decision was devoid of the "some evidence"
19 required by law and was arbitrary and capricious, resulting in a
20 due process violation of Article I, § 7 of the California
21 Constitution and the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment to the
22 United States Constitution.

23 *Argument:* In finding petitioner unsuitable for parole the
24 Board relied on CCR, § 2402, subdivisions (c)(1)(B), (c)(1)(D),
25 and (c)(1)(E), as "some evidence" that petitioner's crime was
26 "particularly egregious," making him unsuitable for parole, and
27 that he currently poses a threat to public safety if released at
28 this time.

1 First, a cursory review of the record in this case
2 demonstrates that the Board's decision was unreasonable under
3 the applicable "some evidence" rule. The record simply does not
4 contain any evidence that petitioner's first degree murder was
5 particularly egregious. Nor does the record contain any
6 evidence that petitioner is currently a threat to society.
7 Given that both findings are required by California Law, there
8 is zero evidence in the record to support the Board's decision.

9 Second, the nature of the offense may justify a denial of
10 parole if the crime was committed in an "especially heinous,
11 atrocious or cruel manner." An offense that was "no more
12 aggravated or violent than the minimum necessary to sustain a
13 conviction" for first degree murder does not justify a finding
14 of unsuitability for parole. (Rosenkrantz at p. 682.)

15 To guide this determination, CCR, § 2402, subd. (c)(1)(A)-
16 (E) establishes the specified criteria the Board must rely on to
17 demonstrate that a prisoner committed his offense in an
18 "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner." It is
19 axiomatic that absent the required "some evidence" supporting
20 any of the specified factors that decision would be arbitrary
21 and capricious and result in a due process violation.

22 Petitioner will demonstrate that each of the Board's
23 unsuitability findings failed to meet the specified regulatory
24 requirements.

25 A. The Board's finding that petitioner's crime was perpetrated
26 in a dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an
execution-style murder, lacks any supporting evidence.

27 CCR, § 2402 (c)(1)(B) states, "The offense was carried out
28 in a dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-

1 style murder."

2 In support of this factor the Board found, "It [the
3 commitment offense] was carried out in an especially cruel and
4 callous manner in that his crime partner, who I read in the
5 legal documents got life without the possibility of parole."
6 (Exhibit 1, Initial Parole Consideration Hearing Transcript, May
7 9, 2006 [hereinafter HT], p. 66, L 15:18.)

8 The relevant evidence does not merely fail to support but
9 refutes the conclusion that petitioner committed his offense in
10 a dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-
11 style murder.

12 The Probation Officer's Report [hereinafter POR] states,
13 "Circumstances in the presenting matter indicates that the
14 defendant and an alleged co-participant preplanned a robbery at
15 a rural Woodlake convenience store in order to obtain money with
16 which to buy beer." (Exhibit 2, POR, pp. 5-6.)

17 The circumstances of the offense, as noted by the Board,
18 were, "At some point Abele [the co-defendant] had began - had
19 begun to talk about robbing a store in Woodlake." (Exhibit 1,
20 HT, p. 16, L 11:14.)

21 During the Proceedings On Sentencing hearing, held on April
22 19, 1990, the Honorable Robert C. Van Auken, Judge, stated, "And
23 I realize that Mr. Hulsey was a participant by reason of the
24 aider and abettor rule, and that he was outside of the
25 particular store in question, and there was a young man, 17
26 years of age, behind a counter who's no longer on earth because
27 of the fact that Mr. Hulsey's cohort - however that occurred,
28 but apparently the gun went off and killed that individual."

1 (Exhibit 6, Proceedings On Sentencing, p. 14, L 4:12.)

2 To sum up the evidence and the circumstances of the offense
3 as reported in the record: 1) Petitioner, at worst, aided and
4 abetted a plan to commit an armed robbery; and 2) Petitioner was
5 found guilty of first degree murder based on the felony-murder
6 rule in that a person died during the commission of a robbery.
7 There is absolutely no evidence that petitioner premeditated or
8 planned to commit a murder. Was the robbery calculated? Yes.
9 Was the murder committed in an execution-style manner? No. Was
10 petitioner found guilty of special circumstances that could have
11 resulted in either life without the possibility of parole or the
12 death penalty? No. The judge convicted petitioner on the
13 felony-murder rule, which does not require malice or
14 premeditation.

15 The Board's finding that petitioner acted "in a
16 dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-style
17 murder" was wholly inconsistent for the record provides not a
18 scintilla of evidence in support. Because the record lacks even
19 the "modicum" of evidence required by law, the Board's decision
20 is arbitrary and capricious and resulted in a due process
21 violation.

22 B. The Board's finding that petitioner demonstrated an
23 exceptionally callous disregard for human suffering is not
24 supported by any evidence.

25 CCR, § 2402 (c)(1)(D) states, "The offense was carried out
26 in a manner which demonstrates an exceptionally callous
27 disregard for human suffering."

28 The Board stated, "The way it was carried out demonstrated
an exceptional callous disregard for human suffering in that a

1 life was taken for five dollars..." (HT, p. 67, L 22:25.)

2 All first degree murders by definition involve some
3 callousness - i.e., lack of emotion or sympathy, emotional
4 insensitivity, indifference to the feelings and suffering of
5 others. As noted, however, parole is the rule, rather than the
6 exception, and a conviction for first degree murder does not
7 automatically render one unsuitable." (*In re Smith* (2003) 114
8 Cal.App.4th 343, 366.) In *In re Ramirez* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th
9 549, as in this case, the Board denied a parole release date on
10 the basis of a finding that the nature of the inmate's offense
11 displayed a "callous disregard for human suffering." (*Id.* at pp.
12 558, 568.) Setting aside that determination, the court agreed
13 that "the gravity of the commitment offense or offenses alone
14 may be a sufficient basis for denying a parole application, so
15 long as the board does not fail to consider all other relevant
16 factors," *Id.* at p. 569, but attached an important caveat. As
17 the court explained, "[a]ll violent crime demonstrates the
18 perpetrator's potential for posing a grave risk to public
19 safety, yet parole is mandatory for violent felons serving
20 determinate sentences. (Pen. Code, § 3000, subd. (b)(1).) And
21 the Legislature has clearly expressed its intent that when
22 murderers - who are the great majority of inmates serving
23 indeterminate sentences - approach their minimum eligible parole
24 date, the Board 'shall normally set a parole release date.'
25 (Pen. Code, § 3041, subd. (a).) The Board's authority to make
26 an exception based on the gravity of a life term inmate's
27 current or past offenses should not operate so as to swallow the
28 rule that parole is 'normally' to be granted. Otherwise, the

1 Board's case-by-case rulings would destroy the proportionality
2 contemplated by Penal Code section 3041, subdivision (a), and
3 also the murder statutes, which provide distinct terms of life
4 without possibility of parole, 25 years to life, and 15 years to
5 life for various degrees and kinds of murder. (Pen. Code, § 190
6 et seq.)." (Ramirez, at p. 570.) Therefore, to demonstrate "an
7 exceptionally callous disregard for human suffering" (§ 2402,
8 subd. (c)(1)(D)) the offense in question must have been
9 committed in a more aggravated or violent manner than that
10 ordinarily shown in the commission of first degree murder.

11 In re Van Houten (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th 339 illustrates the
12 sort of gratuitous cruelty required. The prisoner in that case
13 was involved in multiple stabbings of a woman with a knife and
14 bayonet. While she was dying, the victim was made aware her
15 husband was suffering a similarly gruesome fate. As stated by
16 the court, "[t]hese acts of cruelty far exceeded the minimum
17 necessary to stab a victim to death." (Id. at p. 351.) Other
18 examples of aggravated conduct reflecting an "exceptionally
19 callous disregard for human suffering," are set forth in Board
20 regulations relating to the matrix used to set base terms for
21 life prisoners (§ 2282, subd. (b)); namely, "torture," as where
22 the "[v]ictim was subjected to the prolonged infliction of
23 physical pain through the use of non-deadly force prior to act
24 resulting in death," and "severe trauma," as where "[d]eath
25 resulted from severe trauma inflicted with deadly intensity;
26 e.g., beating, clubbing, stabbing, strangulation, suffocation,
27 burning, multiple wounds inflicted with a weapon not resulting
28 in immediate death or actions calculated to induce terror in the

1 victim." (*Ibid.*) No such facts or anything remotely similar
2 are present in this case. As in *In re Smith, supra*, 114
3 Cal.App.4th 343, there is no evidence petitioner "tormented,
4 terrorized, or injured the victim before his crime partner shot
5 the victim, or that he gratuitously increased or unnecessarily
6 prolonged the victim's pain and suffering. As the *Scott* court
7 stated, "Was the crime callous? Yes. However, are the facts of
8 the crime some evidence that [he] acted with exceptionally
9 callous disregard for [the victim's] suffering; or do the facts
10 distinguished this crime from other [first] degree murders as
11 exceptionally callous? No. (*Id.* at p. 367.)" (*In re Scott*,
12 (2004) 119 Cal.App.4th 871, 891-892.)

13 Because the relevant evidence shows no more callous
14 disregard for human suffering than is shown by most first degree
15 murder offenses, the Board's use of this factor to conclude that
16 petitioner committed his offense "in an especially cruel and
17 callous manner" was arbitrary and capricious.

18 C. The Board's finding that petitioner's motive for the crime
19 was inexplicable lacks evidentiary support.

20 CCR, § 2402 (c)(1)(E) states, "The motive for the crime is
21 inexplicable or very trivial in relation to the offense."

22 The final factor relied upon by the Board was the motive
23 for the crime. The Board stated, "The way it was carried out
24 demonstrated an exceptional callous disregard for human
25 suffering in that a life was taken for five dollars, which the
26 motive for this crime is certainly inexplicable." (HT, p. 67, L
27 22:26.)

28 "The epistemological and ethical problems involved in the

ascertainment and evaluation of motive are among the reasons the law has sought to avoid the subject. As one authority has stated, '[h]ardly any part of penal law is more definitely settled than that motive is irrelevant.' (Hall, General Principles of Criminal Law (2d ed. 1960) at p. 88; see also Husak, *Motive and Criminal Liability* (1989) vol. 8, No. 1; Crim. Justice Ethics 3.) An 'inexplicable' motive is one that is unexplained or unintelligible, as where the commitment offense does not appear to be related to the conduct of the victim and has no other discernible purpose. A person whose motive for a criminal act cannot be explained or is unintelligible is therefore unusually unpredictable and dangerous." (Scott at pp. 892-893.) The finding that petitioner's motive was "inexplicable" ignores the evidence. Not even a "modicum of evidence" shows petitioner's motive was anything other than to commit a robbery, not a murder, and that his release would therefore pose a greater threat to society than the release of most life prisoners. To permit petitioner's motive to be used to deny him release would allow almost any motive to be used to deny a prisoner release, making a mockery of the legislative declaration that life prisoner are "normally" entitled to receive a release date shortly before they first become eligible for parole. (Penal Code, § 3041, subd. (a).)

As it was required to do, the Board considered whether petitioner was suitable for parole - that is, whether he presented an unreasonable risk of danger to society if released. (See Penal Code § 3041 (b); CCR, § 2402.) It decided that petitioner posed an unreasonable risk of danger (and, therefore,

1 was unsuitable for parole) because his crime was especially
2 heinous. While relying upon the nature of petitioner's crime as
3 an indicator of his dangerousness -- after nearly two decades of
4 incarceration -- violates due process because petitioner's
5 commitment offense has become such an unreliable predictor of
6 his present and future dangerousness that it does not satisfy
7 the "some evidence" standard. After nearly twenty years of
8 rehabilitation, the ability to predict a prisoner's future
9 dangerousness based simply on the circumstances of his or her
10 crime is nil. (See *Irons v. Warden of California State Prison -*
11 *Solano*, 358 F.Supp.2d 936, 947 n1 ["To a point, it is true, the
12 circumstances of the crime and motivation for it may indicate a
13 petitioner's instability, cruelty, impulsiveness, violent
14 tendencies and the like. However, after fifteen or so years in
15 the caldron of prison life, not exactly an ideal therapeutic
16 environment to say the least, and after repeated demonstrations
17 that despite the recognized hardships of prison, this petitioner
18 does not possess those attributes, the predictive ability of the
19 circumstances of the crime is near zero."] Even California
20 courts have said as much. (*In re Scott* (2005) 133 Cal.App.4th
21 573, 595 ["The commitment offense can negate suitability only if
22 circumstances of the crime reliably established by evidence in
23 the record rationally indicate that the offender will present an
24 unreasonable public safety risk if released from prison. Yet,
25 the predictive value of the commitment offense may be very
26 questionable after a long period of time."].)

27 Regardless of whether the Board ever was entitled to rely
28 upon the commitment offense to find that petitioner posed an

1 unreasonable risk of danger and was unsuitable for parole, in
2 the exceptional circumstances presented by this case, the
3 Board's reliance on the commitment offense violates due process
4 because it resulted in an arbitrary decision and because the
5 facts surrounding the offense do not now constitute "some
6 evidence" possessing "some indicia of reliability" that
7 petitioner poses a danger to the community.

8 Because there is no reliable evidence supporting the
9 Board's conclusion that petitioner is unsuitable for parole,
10 that determination violates due process.

11 II

12 *Claim:* The Board violated the Due Process Clause of the
13 Fifth Amendment and the notice and jury trial guarantees of the
14 Sixth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

15 *Argument:* The Board, in finding petitioner unsuitable for
16 parole, relied on facts and elements of the crime that were
17 neither charged in the original indictment nor admitted by
18 petitioner. This is a violation of the Due Process Clause of
19 the Fifth Amendment and of petitioner's right to trial by jury
20 which offended the Sixth Amendment to the United States
21 Constitution. "Under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth
22 Amendment and the notice and jury trial guarantees of the Sixth
23 Amendment, any fact (other than prior conviction) that increases
24 the maximum penalty for a crime must be charged in an
25 indictment, submitted to a jury, and proven beyond a reasonable
26 doubt." (*Jones v. United States*, 526 U.S. 227, 244 (1999)). As
27 Justice Stevens, in his concurring opinion, stated, "I am
28 convinced that it is unconstitutional for a legislature to

1 remove from the jury the assessment of facts that increase the
2 prescribed range of penalties to which a criminal defendant is
3 exposed. It is equally clear that such facts must be
4 established by proof beyond a reasonable doubt." (*Id.* at pp.
5 252-253.)

6 The Board found that petitioner was unsuitable for parole
7 because it found the following "facts" proved that he posed an
8 unreasonable risk of danger to society if granted a parole
9 release date, and this increased the prescribed range of his
10 sentence.

11 The Board found that: 1) "The offense was carried out in
12 dispassionate and calculated manner, such as an execution-style
13 murder" (Exhibit 1, HT, p. 66, L 15:18); 2) "The offense was
14 carried out in a manner which demonstrated an exceptional
15 callous disregard for human suffering" (Exhibit 1, HT, p. 67, L
16 22:25); and 3) "The motive for the crime is inexplicable or
17 very trivial in relation to the offense." (Exhibit 1, HT, p.
18 64, L 22:26.) The Board then extended petitioner's
19 incarceration period for at least another three years. (Exhibit
20 1, HT p. 81, L 3:4.)

21 "The Sixth Amendment by its terms is not a limitation on
22 judicial power, but a reservation of jury power. It limits
23 judicial power only to the extent that the claimed judicial
24 power infringes on the province of the jury. Indeterminate
25 sentencing does not do so. It increases judicial discretion, to
26 be sure, but not at the expense of the jury's traditional
27 function of finding the facts essential to lawful imposition of
28 the penalty. Of course indeterminate schemes involve judicial

1 factfinding, in that a judge (like a parole board) may
2 implicitly rule on those facts he deems important to the
3 exercise of his discretion. But the facts do not pertain to
4 whether the defendant has a legal right to a lesser sentence -
5 and that makes all the difference insofar as judicial
6 impingement upon the traditional role of the jury is concerned."
7 (*Blakely v. Washington*, 542 U.S. 206, 308-309 (2004).)

8 "The governing rule in this area was articulated by the
9 Supreme Court in *Greenholtz v. Inmates of Nebraska Penal*, 442
10 U.S. 1 (1979), and *Board of Pardons v. Allen*, 482, U.S. 369
11 (1987). *Greenholtz* and *Allen* established that, while '[t]here
12 is no constitutional or inherent right of a convicted person to
13 be conditionally released before the expiration of a valid
14 sentence[,]' *Greenholtz*, 442 U.S. at 7, a state's statutory
15 scheme, if it uses mandatory language, 'creates a presumption
16 that parole release will be granted' when or unless certain
17 designated findings are made, and thereby gives rise to a
18 constitutional liberty interest. *Id.* at 12; *Allen*, 482 U.S. at
19 377-78. The California parole scheme uses mandatory language
20 and is largely parallel to the schemes found in *Greenholtz* and
21 *Allen* to give rise to such an interest." (*McQuillon v. Duncan*,
22 306 F.3d 895, 901 (2002).)

23 "Under the 'clearly established' framework of *Greenholtz*
24 and *Allen*, we hold that California's parole scheme gives rise to
25 a cognizable liberty interest in release on parole. The scheme
26 'creates a presumption that parole release will be granted'
27 unless the statutorily defined determinations are made. *Allen*,
28 482 U.S. at 378 (quoting *Greenholtz*, 442 U.S. at 12.)" (*Id.* at

1 902.)

2 Petitioner would contend that his "statutory maximum"
3 period of confinement is 25 years based on the finding of facts
4 at the time of his trial. Petitioner has a legal right to a
5 sentence of less than life. The Board's reliance on facts not
6 charged in the indictment, proven beyond a reasonable doubt to a
7 judge or jury, or admitted by petitioner, resulted in a
8 constitutional violation of his Fifth and Sixth Amendment
9 rights. (See *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466, 490 (2000)
10 ["Other than the fact of a prior conviction, any fact that
11 increases the penalty for a crime beyond the prescribed
12 statutory maximum must be submitted to a jury, and proved beyond
13 a reasonable doubt"; see also *Ring v. Arizona*, 536 U.S. 584, 602
14 ["the maximum he would receive if punished according to the
15 facts reflected in the jury verdict alone"] quoting *Apprendi*,
16 *supra*, at 483).)

17 The facts relied on by the Board, had they been found
18 beyond a reasonable doubt by the judge, would have resulted in a
19 sentence of death or life without the possibility of parole. As
20 this was not the case, the Board's increase of petitioner's
21 sentence beyond the legally defined 25 years is a clear
22 violation of the United States Constitution.

23 Therefore, the decision of unsuitability should be reversed
24 and the Board should be ordered to schedule a new hearing at
25 which a parole release date will be set.

26 CONCLUSION

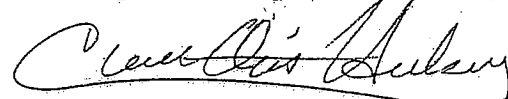
27 The California rules governing parole in murder cases, for
28 which parole eligibility is provided by statute, [See CCR §

2402] are as follows: "[P]arole eligibility is the rule, rather than the exception." (*In re Scott*, *supra*, 119 Cal.App.4th at p. 891.) "[P]arole is 'normally' to be granted." (*Id.* [quoting Penal Code § 3041 (a)].) The murder giving rise to the prisoner's incarceration must be "particularly egregious" for parole to be denied. (*In re Rosenkrantz*, *supra*, 29 Cal.4th at p. 683.) Indeed, a murder must be "heinous, atrocious or cruel" if, as here, the offense is to serve as the basis for parole denial. (CCR, § 2402 (c)(1).) In addition, in such cases, the prisoner must presently present a danger to society. (Penal Code § 3401 (b).) In short, in petitioner's case, the circumstances surrounding the crime or the manner in which it was committed must show not only that the first degree murder at issue was more cruel or vicious than the ordinary first degree murder, but also that petitioner would likely pose a current risk to public safety if released. The record in this case contains absolutely no evidence that would meet either of the two requirements. Thus, there can be little doubt that the Board violated the applicable rules when it denied petitioner parole solely on the basis of his commitment offense.

All murders represent the basest form of human behavior. Our laws, however, provide for mechanisms by which even murderers, in limited circumstances, are entitled to be paroled. The judiciary has an obligation to execute those laws. The record establishes that petitioner does not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety. Any contrary conclusion lacks any evidentiary support. Therefore, petitioner prays that this court will grant the petition for habeas corpus.

1 DATED: March 11, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



Cleve Hulsey
Petitioner, In Pro Per

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INITIAL PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

In the matter of the Life)
Term Parole Consideration)
Hearing of:)

CDC Number E-53226

CLEVE HULSEY)
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**INMATE
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CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY

SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA

MAY 9, 2006

PANEL PRESENT:

TOM SAWYER, Presiding Commissioner
DAVID YACONO, Deputy Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

CLEVE HULSEY, Inmate
MARY ANN TARDIFF, Attorney for Inmate
DANIEL UNDERWOOD, Deputy District Attorney
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, Unidentified

CORRECTIONS TO THE DECISION HAVE BEEN MADE

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: And our tape is rolling.

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very good. This is an initial hearing for Mr. Cleve, C-L-E-V-E, Hulsey, H-U-L-S-E-Y, CDC number E as in Edward 53226. Today's date is Tuesday, May 9 and it's 2006. We're located at the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad. Date received was 4-23-1990 from the County of Tulare. The offense is murder in the first degree with armed with a firearm, case number 27850. Count number one is 187 and 12022(a) PC. The term is 25 plus one to life. Minimum eligible parole date was 11-27-2000. And we have some other commitment offenses. In count two is robbery, first degree, 211 PC, Tulare County, same case number. Also an enhancement on that, armed with a firearm, 12022(a). And count three a burglary, 459 PC, Tulare County, same case in all those case numbers.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Excuse me, Commissioner, I think the minimum date is 2006. My handwriting version didn't but (indiscernible).

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Is that what they're saying. Okay. We're going to --

1 Let's verify that first of all.

2 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: What is it?

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Minimum
4 eligible parole date is 2006. I misstated that,
5 yes, thank you. Because on my legal status
6 report it says the year 2000 minimum eligible
7 parole date. I was going -- The next question I
8 was going to ask is what have you been doing
9 since 2000. But I've corrected it on my sheet
10 and corrected it in the record. This hearing is
11 being tape recorded. And for the purpose of
12 identification we are required to state our
13 first and last name, spelling our last name.
14 When it comes to your turn, after you spell you
15 last name then I want you to also give us your
16 CDC number. I'll start and go to my left. Tom
17 Sawyer, S-A-W-Y-E-R, Commissioner.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: David
19 Yacono, that's Y-A-C-O-N-O, Deputy Commissioner.

20 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Mary Ann Tardiff,
21 T-A-R-D-I double F, attorney for Mr. Hulsey.

22 INMATE HULSEY: Cleve Hulsey,
23 H-U-L-S-E-Y, E-53226.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
25 good. Thank you. Mr. Underwood.

26 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD:
27 Daniel Underwood, U-N-D-E-R-W-O-O-D, Deputy

1 District Attorney, Tulare County.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
3 you. We also have two correctional peace
4 officers in the room for security purposes.
5 Mr. Hulsey, before you taped to the table
6 underneath your file there is an ADA
7 self-identification statement which I'll ask you
8 to read out loud and then I'll ask you what it
9 means. Could you read that for us into the
10 record.

11 INMATE HULSEY:

12 "ADA, Americans With Disabilities
13 Act. The Americans With
14 Disabilities Act, ADA, is a law to
15 help people with disabilities.
16 Disabilities are problems that
17 make it harder for some people to
18 see, hear, breathe, talk, walk,
19 learn, think, work or take care of
20 themselves than it is for others.
21 Nobody can be kept out of public
22 places or activities because of a
23 disability. If you have a
24 disability, you have the right to
25 ask for help to get ready for your
26 BPT hearing, get to the hearing,
27 talk, read forms and papers and

1 understand the hearing process.
2 BPT will look at what you asked
3 for to make sure that you have a
4 disability that is covered by the
5 ADA and that you have asked for
6 the right kind of help. If you do
7 not get help or if you don't think
8 you got the kind of help you need,
9 ask for a BPT 1074 Grievance Form.
10 You can also get help to fill it
11 out."

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

13 What does that mean to you, sir?

14 INMATE HULSEY: It means if I got
15 problems understanding what's going on or
16 participating in the hearing then I can get
17 help.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That's
19 correct. Okay. I have a form, BPT Form 1073
20 which was signed by you on October -- looks
21 like, yeah, 30, 2002. And you indicate on here
22 you do not have a disability. Is that correct,
23 sir?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

26 Tell me about your glasses.

27 INMATE HULSEY: I'm nearsighted.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
2 you need those to see me or to read?

3 INMATE HULSEY: To see you.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

5 INMATE HULSEY: I can up close just fine.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

7 Very good. That would -- we would -- If you
8 didn't have those glasses, we may have to -- we
9 may have -- have to accommodate you. Okay. So
10 that is --

11 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
13 essentially -- disability. Okay. That's fine.
14 The information on this form is current and
15 correct?

16 INMATE HULSEY: As far as I can tell,
17 yes.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: As far as
19 you know, okay. I'm going to ask you some
20 questions. Do you have any problems walking up
21 and down stairs or for distances of 100 yards or
22 more?

23 INMATE HULSEY: No.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
25 have any hearing impairments?

26 INMATE HULSEY: No.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Have you

1 ever been included in Triple CMS or EOP
2 programs?

3 INMATE HULSEY: No.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How far
5 did you get through school?

6 INMATE HULSEY: Graduated high school and
7 took some college courses at Old Folsom when
8 they were available.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
10 Graduated high school outside?

11 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Did you
13 take any special education while you were
14 growing up?

15 INMATE HULSEY: No.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Suffer
17 from any disability that would prevent you from
18 participating in today's hearing?

19 INMATE HULSEY: No.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
21 good. Okay. I'm going to read the outline of
22 the hearing procedure. And as I read along
23 here, I'll be asking you if you understand some
24 of the critical areas. Okay.

25 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: This
27 hearing is being conducted pursuant to Penal

1 Code Sections 3041 and 3042 and the rules and
2 regulations of the Board of Prison Terms
3 governing parole consideration hearings for life
4 inmates. The purpose of the hearing today is to
5 consider your suitability for parole. In doing
6 so we'll consider the number and the nature of
7 the crimes you were committed for, your prior
8 criminal and social behavior and your behavior
9 and programming since your commitment. We've
10 had an opportunity to review your Central File
11 and you'll be given the opportunity to correct
12 or clarify the record. We'll consider your
13 progress since your commitment, your counselor's
14 report and your psychological report. Any
15 change in parole plans should be brought to our
16 attention. We'll reach a decision today and
17 inform you whether or not we find you suitable
18 for parole and the reasons for our decision. If
19 you are found suitable for parole, the length of
20 your confinement will be explained to you.
21 Before we go any further we want to advise you
22 that we expect you to be totally honest with us
23 today. You understand?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: If you do
26 not get a date today, the hearing will form a
27 foundation for all future hearings. If you do

1 not get a date today, any false statements that
2 you make could have an adverse effect on your
3 ability to get a date in the future. Do you
4 understand?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Nothing
7 that happens here today will change the findings
8 of the court. We are not here to retry your
9 case. We're here for the sole purpose of
10 determining your suitability for parole. This
11 hearing will be conducted in two phases. I'll
12 discuss with you the crime that you're committed
13 for, your prior criminal and social history,
14 your parole plans and any letters of support or
15 opposition that may be in your file.
16 Commissioner Yacono will discuss with you your
17 progress since your commitment, your counselor's
18 report and your psychological evaluation. Once
19 that's concluded, the District Attorney and the
20 -- and your attorney will be given the
21 opportunity to ask you questions. Questions
22 from the District Attorney will be -- actually
23 he'll ask the Board to ask -- ask you if he has
24 any questions. And your response then would be
25 to hear his questions so I don't have to repeat
26 it and then you respond back to us. Okay?

27 INMATE HULSEY: All right.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
2 we're acting as his questioner. Before we
3 recess for deliberations, the District Attorney,
4 your attorney and you will be given an
5 opportunity to make a final statement regarding
6 your suitability for parole. We'll then recess,
7 clear the room and deliberate. Once we've
8 completed our deliberation, we'll resume the
9 hearing and announce our decision. California
10 Code of Regulations states that regardless of
11 time served a life inmate shall be found
12 unsuitable and denied parole if in the judgment
13 of the Panel the inmate would pose an
14 unreasonable risk of danger to society if
15 released from prison. You have certain rights.
16 These rights include the right to a timely
17 notice of this hearing, the right to review your
18 Central File and the right to present relevant
19 documents. Ms. Tardiff, has the inmate's rights
20 been met?

21 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: They have.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You also
23 have the right to be heard by an impartial
24 Panel. Is there any objection to this Panel?

25 INMATE HULSEY: No.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
27 you. You'll receive a copy of our written

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1 tentative decision today. The decision is
2 subject to review by the Decision Review Unit
3 and by the entire Board meeting as a body. It
4 will become effective within 120 days. It's
5 also subject to review by the Governor. A copy
6 of the tentative decision and a copy of the
7 transcript will be sent to you. As of May 1,
8 2004 there were major changes limiting your
9 former rights to appeal Board decisions or
10 actions directly to the Board. Old Board
11 regulations were repealed. The current policy's
12 entitled Administrative Appeals, Correspondence
13 And Grievances Concerning Board Of Prison Terms
14 Decisions and it's available at the prison
15 library. The real important here, you are not
16 required to admit your offense or discuss your
17 offense if you do not wish to do so. However,
18 this Panel does accept as true the finding of
19 the court and you're invited to discuss the
20 facts and circumstances of the offenses if you
21 desire. The Board will review and consider your
22 prior statements you have made regarding the
23 offense in determining your suitability for
24 parole. Commissioner Yacono, is there any
25 confidential material?

26 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: No, Sir.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank

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1 you. Mr. Underwood, if you'd check your hearing
2 checklist, I'm going to pass mine to -- Exhibit
3 One to Ms. Tardiff. And I'm going to mark on it
4 that we do have a new psychiatric report.

5 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD: I do
6 have all the contents including the psychiatric
7 report which was faxed to me this afternoon.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
9 you.

10 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I have these documents
11 as well. I have nothing further to submit.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
13 Let the record reflect that you did bring in --
14 before we started the hearing today you did
15 bring in six pages of artwork.

16 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Correct.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That
18 Mr. Hulsey sells, you sell these?

19 INMATE HULSEY: I try.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You try.

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: But
23 you're not starving.

24 INMATE HULSEY: No.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. I
26 think I'll mention them right -- just right now
27 because I'm not sure where to put them. And I

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1 don't want -- certainly don't want to lose them.
2 He's got -- He's got his name, address and CDC
3 number and where he lives. And it says
4 Mr. Cleve Hulsey has sent us two magnificent
5 drawings which are able -- which are please --
6 which we are pleased to post. Who's posting
7 these?

8 INMATE HULSEY: It's a website,
9 prisoners.com. I'm not even sure if it's still
10 up and running. I haven't had any contact with
11 the person that runs it in almost a year.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: I see.

13 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: We need
15 to take a short recess.

16 [Off the record]

17 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: It's not a good way to
18 start out your initial hearing.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
20 We're back on tape. The reason we stopped the
21 tape and took about a five minute recess to talk
22 about a potential legal conflict or discipline
23 conflict. But for the purpose of this hearing
24 we're not going to expand on that. I do want to
25 recognize the fact that I do have the six pages
26 of six different drawings. You drew all of
27 these?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And

3 what's the medium?

4 INMATE HULSEY: Some of them -- Three of
5 them are penned in ink and three are pencil.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And I
7 think we all were impressed by your artistic
8 ability. These are dynamite.

9 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:

11 Absolutely dynamite. Don't you agree,
12 Commissioner?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Absolutely.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So I
15 guess we can include that in a marketable skill
16 down the road.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: I think
18 definitely graphic arts category.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Right.
20 Okay. Very good. Do you have any preliminary
21 objections, counsel?

22 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I do not.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Will the
24 inmate be speaking with the Panel?

25 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Yes.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: On all
27 matters?

1 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: It's my understanding
2 he has no memory of the commitment offense.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
4 Then there you have it. Would you raise your
5 right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm the
6 testimony you're about to give in this hearing
7 will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing
8 by the truth?

9 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
11 you. I'm going to be reading from the October
12 2005 calendar Board report, commitment offense,
13 summary of the crime, page one.

14 "On the morning of June 26, 1989
15 18-year-old Cleve Hulsey was
16 drinking beer with Charles Abele,
17 A-B-E-L-E, in Exeter. On the same
18 morning three minors, Michael
19 Darren, D-A-R-R-E-N, and Anthony
20 -- I'm sorry -- Michael and
21 because they're minors we have no
22 last name, Michael S., Darren S.
23 and Anthony C. were collecting
24 cans and had turned them in for
25 seven dollars. The three minors
26 were walking when Abele drove by
27 with Hulsey in Abele's car.

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1 Hulsey and Abele stopped and asked
2 them if they would like to go
3 swimming at the lake. They
4 agreed. Abele used minors' seven
5 dollars and earnings to buy
6 gasoline and a 12-pack of beer.
7 Once they arrived at the lake,
8 everyone drank beer except
9 Michael. They swam for about one
10 and a half hours. Abele then
11 suggested that they go and get a
12 gun so they could target shoot.
13 After Anthony and Michael were
14 unsuccessful in their attempt to
15 get a gun, Hulsey suggested
16 borrowing a gun from his brother
17 Marvin. After driving to Marvin's
18 house, Hulsey, along with Abele,
19 walked inside. The three minors
20 remained outside in the car.
21 Abele and Hulsey told Marvin they
22 wanted to borrow the gun so they
23 could go shooting. Marvin was
24 hesitant to give them the gun
25 because it appeared Abele and
26 Hulsey had been drinking. Marvin
27 agreed to give them the gun but

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1 first removed all the live rounds.
2 Hulsey and Abele left, placing the
3 gun in the trunk of the car. In
4 search of ammunition, the group
5 went to the home of Cody Grim,
6 G-R-I-M. Abele asked to borrow
7 three bullets from Cody. Hulsey
8 was present during parts -- during
9 part of this conversation. The
10 three minors remained in the car.
11 Cody gave Abele three bullets. At
12 some point Abele had began -- had
13 begun to talk about robbing a
14 store in Woodlake. Apparently for
15 this purpose Abele who -- was
16 driving headed towards Woodlake.
17 Darren asked Abele to stop so he
18 could relieve his bladder. Abele
19 pulled to the side of the road.
20 Darren went off into the bushes.
21 While Darren was in the bushes,
22 the gun was retrieved from the
23 trunk. Hulsey took over as the
24 driver and Abele sat in the front
25 passenger's seat. The three
26 minors remained in the back. At
27 this point, the three minors

1 became frightened and asked to be
2 let out of the car. Abele refused
3 and Hulsey said there's not enough
4 gasoline to keep -- and kept
5 driving. Hulsey stopped the car
6 at the A&H Market to observe the
7 flow of customers at the market.
8 Hulsey waited for all the cars --
9 for all the cars to leave. Abele
10 went in -- Abele went in quickly
11 and returned to the car saying
12 there was no one in the store.
13 Lorenzo Valencia, V-A-L-E-N-C-I-A,
14 had gone to help his friend Amed,
15 A-M-E-D, last name of A-L dash
16 capital K-A-B-A-B-I, I'll spell it
17 again, A-L dash capital
18 K-A-B-A-D-I, who was working as a
19 clerk in the market. He was
20 helping Mr. Kabadi, Al-Kabadi in
21 the back of the store when
22 Al-Kabadi thought he saw a masked
23 person run in and out of the
24 store. The two went outside and
25 looked but saw no one. After
26 Abele returned to the car, Hulsey
27 drove off and returned to the

1 store -- then returned to the
2 store. The three minors were
3 crouched down in the backseat and
4 afraid of what might happen.
5 Abele again went into the market
6 armed with a rifle and a ski mask
7 pulled over his face. At this
8 time, Valencia and Al-Kabadi were
9 in the front of the store. Abele
10 pointed the gun at Al-Kabadi and
11 demanded money. Al-Kabadi gave
12 Abele five dollars and Abele shot
13 him in the chest, fatally wounding
14 him. Reportedly, a youthful --
15 the youthful clerk grabbed the
16 rifle at the front side causing
17 the firearm to discharge. When
18 Abele left the store, he was seen
19 by Barbara Bidwell, B-I-D-W-E-L-L,
20 and her daughter. Bidwell wrote
21 down the license plate number of
22 the car. Abele returned to the
23 car and said he shot someone for
24 five dollars. Abele told Hulsey
25 to take off. He did. The group
26 drove to another store where Abele
27 got out and purchased gas, beer

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1 and cigarettes. Hulsey discovered
2 that one of -- discovered that one
3 of the casings in the gun was
4 used. He chewed on it and spit it
5 out the window. The group
6 returned to Exeter after dropping
7 off the three minors. Hulsey and
8 Abele returned the rifle to Marvin
9 Hulsey. Hulsey provided a
10 voluntary statement on June 28,
11 1989 -- initially claimed that
12 he'd suffered -- alcohol blackout
13 and was unable to recall his
14 activities. He subsequently
15 admitted that talk about
16 committing a robbery began while
17 they were at the river. He
18 acknowledged that it was his idea
19 to attempt to obtain a weapon from
20 his brother. He contended that he
21 was extremely intoxicated at the
22 time and that the amount of
23 alcohol consumed impaired his
24 judgment. He told authorities, I
25 was drunk out of my mind."

26 In your version it says you stated that you were
27 drunk and doesn't remember anything. But you do

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1 remember getting the gun, right? That's what it
2 says here.

3 INMATE HULSEY: I don't remember anything
4 after leaving the river.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: After
6 leaving the river?

7 INMATE HULSEY: After leaving the lake,
8 no.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
10 remember talking about -- at the lake about
11 getting a gun from your brother to Abele? Maybe
12 I'll ask this question, what do you remember?
13 You remember -- with other guys at the -- at the
14 river?

15 INMATE HULSEY: I remember going up there
16 and swimming for a little while. Then we're all
17 sitting around drinking. And Charles said it
18 was time to go or something like that, something
19 to that effect.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And then
21 you don't remember anymore?

22 INMATE HULSEY: After that, no, it was
23 all --

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How much
25 did you have to drink?

26 INMATE HULSEY: A lot.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Well you

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1 bought a six-pack, right, or a 12-pack?

2 INMATE HULSEY: That was with him.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: With the
4 original seven dollars.

5 INMATE HULSEY: When we met the minors,
6 yeah.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah.

8 Okay. Had you been drinking prior to that?

9 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What were
11 you drinking prior?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Beer.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You drink
14 anything else?

15 INMATE HULSEY: No.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do any
17 dope?

18 INMATE HULSEY: No, not that I can
19 remember. I think at some point someone lit up
20 a joint and passed it to me. And I thought it
21 was a cigarette so I might have took a hit or
22 two off of it. But I was never really into
23 that.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
25 The aggravating factors in this case, had an
26 opportunity -- "Hulsey had an opportunity to
27 cease by continued with the crime. The murder

1 was senseless, served no purpose in completing
2 the crime and a weapon, the rifle was used.
3 Mitigating factors. Hulsey has minimal or no
4 history of criminal behavior." And as I see
5 here, at age 15 and again at 17 attended
6 meetings of Narcotics Anonymous following
7 arrests for minor in possession of alcohol and
8 public intoxication. When did you start
9 drinking? What age?

10 INMATE HULSEY: It was before I started
11 high school. It was actually the summer between
12 eighth grade and my freshman year in high
13 school.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Why was
15 that?

16 INMATE HULSEY: You know what, I have no
17 idea.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You don't
19 know why you were drinking?

20 INMATE HULSEY: No, none whatsoever. I
21 don't know why I started. I claim peer
22 pressure, but that's not a good excuse. That's
23 terrible.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And did
25 you do any drugs during that period of your
26 life?

27 INMATE HULSEY: No.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You had
2 to think about it.

3 INMATE HULSEY: I tried marijuana one
4 before earlier when I was younger and didn't
5 like it.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah.
7 Have you tried meth or LSD or --

8 INMATE HULSEY: No, no.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: -- coke?

10 INMATE HULSEY: Nothing like that.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: PCP?

12 INMATE HULSEY: No.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
14 You were the seventh of eight children born to
15 your parents Coy and Martha Hulsey.

16 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Siblings
18 included four brothers and three sisters.
19 Family is very close and supportive. Graduated
20 from Kaweath --

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
23 K-A-W-E-A-T-H -- High School in Exeter.
24 Reportedly enlisted in the Navy following
25 graduation in June of 1989 but was discharged as
26 a consequence of the arrest in the present case.
27 His employment history was limited to -- for the

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1 most part due to his age time of arrest. You
2 were 18 at the time, right?

3 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: He
5 acknowledged a problem with alcohol abuse.
6 Reported that he began consuming alcohol,
7 intoxicants about four years before his arrest
8 and then -- and that until his arrest in the
9 instant matter he consumed alcoholic beverages
10 on a daily basis frequently just to get drunk.
11 Indicates previous participation in alcohol
12 abuse counseling. That didn't do much good
13 then, huh? He reported that at 15 and 17 he
14 attended Narcotics Anonymous following arrests
15 for possession of alcohol and public
16 intoxication. Was that a condition of the
17 arrest?

18 INMATE HULSEY: Sorry, what?

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Was that
20 a condition of the -- of the probation --
21 probation?

22 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That you
24 -- Did you do any time in juvenile hall?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Nope.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: They just
27 took you home?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, took me back to my
2 parents.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: All
4 right. Write you a ticket?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I think so.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Regarding
7 the use of controlled substance, acknowledge
8 prior experimentation with marijuana. Indicated
9 that he's used the substance infrequently,
10 claiming that he tried once when he was 15 and
11 on the date of the offense now before the court.
12 Okay. Your future plans, well let me ask you
13 this before I get off your personal -- who
14 visits with you?

15 INMATE HULSEY: At the moment, my mother
16 and my sister. My oldest sister.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And
18 where's your father?

19 INMATE HULSEY: He's not able to travel
20 as well as he used to.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: He's
22 infirmed?

23 INMATE HULSEY: Kind of, yeah. He's
24 getting up there.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How old
26 is he?

27 INMATE HULSEY: Late 60's.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

2 Retired?

3 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How's
5 your mom's health?

6 INMATE HULSEY: It's fair.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

8 And your sister, your oldest sister --

9 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: -- visits
11 with you? How about your other siblings?
12 You've got six other ones.

13 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, they have lives.

14 They'd come if they could, but --

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do they
16 write?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Sometimes. Infrequently.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Phone
19 calls?

20 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I call them quite a
21 bit.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Are you
23 in touch -- Everybody's okay? Nobody's in
24 prison?

25 INMATE HULSEY: No, no one. I'm the only
26 one.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

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1 Did you conceive any children?

2 INMATE HULSEY: No.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. Do
4 you have a girlfriend now?

5 INMATE HULSEY: No.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: No. No
7 wife?

8 INMATE HULSEY: No.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
10 Your future plans include a primary residence.
11 You plan to live with your mother Coy and your
12 father Coy -- Martha HulseY in Exeter. It this
13 the old family home?

14 INMATE HULSEY: Yep.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: On West
16 Maple Street?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Yes, Sir.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Also has
19 other family members who'd be willing to help
20 him and keep him on the straight and narrow.
21 HulseY states he can do practically anything in
22 construction. His brother Coy Albert HulseY is
23 an independent contractor who would give me a
24 job. And you don't have any INS holds on you.
25 Okay. Let's look at your letters. I did
26 receive a letter today from the County of
27 Tulare, the Office of the Sheriff/Coroner Bill

1 Whitman.

2 "The Sheriff's Office, citizens of
3 Tulare County strongly oppose the
4 release of Cleve Hulsey. He's
5 convicted of murder first degree
6 and justice -- not be served
7 unless he serves his entire
8 sentence. Because of the serious
9 nature of the crime we
10 respectfully request you keep
11 Hulsey incarcerated for the crime
12 as long as legally possible."

13 Okay. Then I have a handwritten letter received
14 on November 14, 2005.

15 "I'm writing this for my brother.
16 I'm the oldest brother of four
17 brothers and three sisters. Large
18 family. I'm the boss of a
19 construction crew. I would give
20 my brother a job when he gets out.
21 I also own my own home and Cleve
22 can live with me and my family.
23 If Cleve needs money or help with
24 anything, I can -- I can and will
25 help him. I know Cleve won't be a
26 threat to anyone. He will obey
27 the laws. I know he's learned

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1 from his mistake. All his family
2 is willing to help any way they
3 can. We all live close where
4 Cleve was raised. We would love
5 to have him home. Cleve will be
6 took care of by all the family."

7 And he gives -- He lives in Farmersville. How
8 close is that to Exeter?

9 INMATE HULSEY: I think it's about three
10 miles.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. I
12 have a letter undated, this is Shirley Cotta.
13 This is your -- This is your aunt. C-O-T-T-A.
14 Says -- Says you're a nephew.

15 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. I never got a copy
16 of this.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Aunt
18 Shirley.

19 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
21 Always been a good person, very decent, law
22 abiding citizen. If released to the community,
23 his attitude, behavior, maturity is excellent.
24 Very proud of Cleve. Cleve has wonderful
25 parents. Stood by him all the way. Shirley
26 Cotta and she gives a phone number. And then
27 from Albuquerque, New Mexico dated September 22,

1 '05, this is from Margaret Trujillo,
2 T-R-U-J-I-L-L-O. I'm the sister of Cleve
3 Hulsey. We've grown up together. I'm only
4 three years younger than him. She talks about
5 what a great guy you are. He's never been in
6 trouble. I still remember when he came home
7 that afternoon. He'd been drinking. He had a
8 big cut on the bottom of his foot. How did you
9 cut you foot?

10 INMATE HULSEY: I have no idea.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. Do
12 you remember her cleaning it up and --

13 INMATE HULSEY: Nope.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
15 you felt no pain, huh. Do you remember when you
16 sobered up that you had a cut on your foot?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I think so. It was
18 a long time ago.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
20 She talks about you. Has always kept a steady
21 job. She feels you've been rehabilitated, speak
22 with him frequently over the phone. Loving and
23 caring, has many job opportunities if given the
24 chance. He's a great artist, a hard worker. "I
25 will help him find a great job or go to school,
26 get his college degree in any field he desires.
27 I know that my children are looking forward to

1 meeting their Uncle Cleve outside the prison
2 walls someday." And she's just very, very
3 supportive here. Thank you for taking care of
4 my brother for all these years. You're welcome.
5 The utmost trust and belief in your decision,
6 trust you'll see my brother outside prison soon.
7 It's a very nice letter. She writes a good
8 letter. What does she do for a living?

9 INMATE HULSEY: She is -- I think she's a
10 receptionist at a major hotel, hotel resort in
11 Albuquerque.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. I
13 have a handwritten letter on 9-2-05 from your
14 mother. Talks about the large family, talks
15 about where you were born. Unfortunately, the
16 copy machine cut off both ends of the sentences
17 so I know -- I have no problems with him. Does
18 anybody have a better copy? Do you have the
19 original letter for this?

20 INMATE HULSEY: No, all I ever get are
21 the photocopies.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
23 It's a terrible copy. Let me -- I'm looking for
24 the offer to come home and live with her. I'm
25 sure it's here.

26 INMATE HULSEY: Oddly enough my copy
27 hasn't been cut off.

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1 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: He's got --

2 INMATE HULSEY: I got a copy.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You got a
4 better copy?

5 INMATE HULSEY: This copy's got both
6 sides.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Can I
8 borrow that? Okay.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: I have the
10 original.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You have
12 the -- this is -- This is fine.

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah,
15 it's clearly a bad copy in his file. Okay. She
16 talks about your history, no problems with him.
17 That's not entirely true. She knew about you
18 getting arrested for drinking. Graduated from
19 -- was speaker of his class. Were you
20 valedictorian?

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, but it was a very
22 small class. There was only like about eight or
23 nine graduating students.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You were
25 tops, huh. You had also joined the Navy as I
26 read before. Loves to draw. We know that.
27 He's sold some of his work. He will be -- This

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1 is what I'm looking for. He will be living with
2 myself and his dad and his two twin nephews who
3 are 14-years-old. She's caring for some
4 nephews?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Why is
7 that?

8 INMATE HULSEY: Long story.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Can you
10 make it like one sentence? Your sister or your
11 brother?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Sister got pregnant too
13 early, couldn't take care of them.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

15 INMATE HULSEY: Gave them to mom and dad
16 to keep them in the family.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

18 Very good. Certainly commendable from your mom
19 and dad's point of view. Fourteen-year-olds,
20 she obviously needs you home. They could be a
21 handful. They've visited with you?

22 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You know
24 them?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

27 Your dad's been sick. High blood pressure and

1 the gout. Using a breathing machine. We're
2 getting old. He's 68, she's 66. Okay. Nice
3 letter. I don't want to lose that
4 (indiscernible). Okay. Then I have a letter,
5 two-page letter from Hazel Lopez, Farmersville.
6 Who's Hazel Lopez? Your sister?

7 INMATE HULSEY: My sister, yeah.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
9 This is your older sister. Talks about your
10 history. He's grown up a lot, understands what
11 happened, was very wrong, feels if he could
12 change it, he would. He's learned a lot. And
13 will not break any laws. Is a very decent
14 person. He tries to help us with our problems
15 by talking with us. I know when he gets out, be
16 right there when any of us need him or his help.
17 She thinks you've improved. Says you're
18 respectful. Okay. Here's what I'm looking for.

19 "My husband and I are more than
20 willing to help my brother in any
21 way he needs in housing, money,
22 transportation. We will help him
23 find work. My husband's company
24 is always looking for help. He's
25 willing to give Cleve a job. My
26 brother means everything to us.
27 Love to have him come home again.

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1 Family hasn't been complete since
2 this happened. We miss him
3 badly."

4 And that's signed by Hazel Lopez. What does her
5 husband do?

6 INMATE HULSEY: He works for an
7 irrigation company installing pumps, at least
8 that's what he did when I was out there. I'm
9 pretty sure he's still doing that. I think he
10 might have moved up.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
12 And I have a letter, another poorly copied
13 letter. Could you find me a letter that's dated
14 8-23-05 from someone, Lemus. Is there a Lemus?

15 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What's
17 her first name or his first name?

18 INMATE HULSEY: It's Mark Lemus.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Mark
20 Lemus and who's that?

21 INMATE HULSEY: He's just a friend.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Just a
23 friend.

24 INMATE HULSEY: And about the only one I
25 got left.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah,
27 addressed to Studebaker. Sending this letter on

1 behalf of Cleve Hulsey. Known all of our
2 childhood lives. I believe he would be a law
3 abiding citizen -- released in the community.
4 Good decent young man. I'm sure he's learned a
5 very tough lesson. He's matured and aged
6 (indiscernible) ready to get on with his life.
7 I'm willing to help with transportation when
8 needed. Also ready to see his friend -- be his
9 friend once -- once again and help him adapt to
10 public work. Mark Lemus. Very nice letter.
11 What does Mr. Lemus do for a living?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Last I heard he was
13 working for a plastics company. Not exactly
14 sure what he was doing.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You were
16 kind of a hippie then, weren't you?

17 INMATE HULSEY: What's that?

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You were
19 kind of a hippie. I'm looking at your pictures
20 in your C-File back in '93.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: This is --
22 he came in.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Back in
24 '90 you had semi-long hair but you -- really got
25 long in '93. Okay. You have any additional
26 letters that you'd like to share with us?

27 INMATE HULSEY: No.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: At this
2 time. None, okay. Very good. I'll turn it
3 over to Commissioner Yacono.

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay.
5 Because this is the initial hearing we have a
6 lot of ground to cover. And I'm going to try
7 and make sure that I hit all the points, all the
8 documents but I'm going to also, during this
9 timeframe and before we get done, I'll ask you
10 and your attorney if there's anything additional
11 if some of the facts don't jive quite right.
12 Because I have a couple of question marks on
13 these. But I'm going to try and run through
14 this as close to chronologically as I can on
15 some of the -- especially on the work and the
16 self-help group area. You got a lot of material
17 to cover on this one. So what I'm looking at is
18 the Central File, a life prisoner evaluation
19 report prepared for the October '05 calendar by
20 Correctional Counselor J. Studebaker and signed
21 off on 7-20-2005. Now, the post-conviction
22 reports, Correctional Counselor (indiscernible)
23 signed off 3-10-93 and covered the period
24 4-23-90 until 3 of '93. Then Correctional
25 Counselor Jordine (phonetic) signed off 3-14-96
26 for the period of 3-1-93 through 3-3-96.
27 Correctional Counselor Donnelly signed off

1 1-27-99 on a report from 3-96 to January of '99.
2 Then E. Washington was the correctional
3 counselor on a report signed 10-29-02 covering
4 the period of 2-99 until 3 of '02. And I have a
5 month break. But from April of '02 until
6 July 20, '05 signature date by Correctional
7 Counselor Studebaker. Looking at psychiatric
8 evaluation prepared by Dr. Merrick, Ph.D., April
9 25, 2006, and I see one prior from a Dr. Larson,
10 M.D., dated 2-25-93. The documentation hearings
11 show me April 27, '93, April 2, '96, April 14,
12 '99, November 7, 2002. Obtain -- The
13 recommendations. Obtain vocational trades, stay
14 disciplinary-free, participate in self-help
15 programs and the '96 specified AA. The records
16 reflect that coming into Department of
17 Corrections on 4-23-90 at DVI reception center,
18 then 5-22-90 to Folsom, 8-3-93 to Lancaster as a
19 Close B. You started off at Close A with 67
20 points. Then 9-14-93, Corcoran, was a Close B.
21 Pleasant Valley, 11-39-93, Close -- Close B.
22 And then here to Soledad on 5-28-93 as a
23 Medium A. Nine one of '98, Close B. Four
24 thirteen of 2000, Medium A where you are today.
25 Your points range from the high 67 when you came
26 in, dropping steadily and then November 16, '99
27 I'm seeing 11 points. It used to be you could

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1 go to zero but 19 is minimum now. But it looks
2 like you've been pretty much -- low points since
3 '99. I see an April 29, '99 at 25 and then by
4 November you're 11. And from that point on it's
5 been minimal points. The one thing I don't see
6 is any vocational instruction. Am I missing
7 something? Ever done any voc?

8 INMATE HULSEY: No.

9 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. You
10 need to be in graphic arts. Anyhow, the
11 academic education. We do have your diploma
12 from your high school and that graduation date
13 was June 9, '89. In 1990 we did an assessment
14 of you. Your level at that time was 12.9 which
15 is as high as we do. There are some other
16 notations in there and I put it under academic.
17 I probably should have put it under laudatory
18 because I read it a couple of times. But I'd
19 already written it. Reader I, 7-17-91,
20 satisfactory or exceptional ratings on that.
21 And then what I found later on is basically
22 you're doing like books for the blind.

23 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: So get that
25 on the record even though it's in the wrong
26 category. I do note college classes. You got
27 three semester units in English with grades of B

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1 as of a chrono 6-19-91 and psychology one, three
2 units with A grade and that was 6-10-91. So you
3 took pretty much six units all at the same time.

4 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO:

6 Correspondence?

7 INMATE HULSEY: No, they actually had
8 college instructors coming into Old Folsom at
9 the time.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: That's
11 right. You were at Folsom then. Okay. All
12 right. This is where it gets hard. It's good
13 for you. It's hard for me. First entry I show
14 is assignment to the dental lab on 8-11-92
15 showing satisfactory or exceptional ratings.
16 Then I show a Corcoran work crew October '94
17 through November 18, '94 and I show porter and
18 lieutenant's clerk December of '94 with evals
19 continuing January of '95. Then assignment to
20 the clothing room, January of '95, satisfactory
21 exceptional marks as of 4-17-96. Then I'm
22 showing a clerk 5-31-95 with exceptional grades;
23 5-15-98 which is -- I don't understand why the
24 dates flip flop but May of '98. I also found
25 one that I believe was 3-19-98 showing again
26 exceptional marks. I was a little confused on
27 that one so I put on the clerk. Then I'm

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1 showing PIA textiles 6-13-98 through 9-1-98.
2 Reassignment to porter in '99 with evals
3 4-20-2000, 7-6-2000 at satisfactory. Now, I had
4 one in here as well that show me 11-16-99 you
5 were put out of the assignment based on 128(g)
6 of 4-2-2000. So I'm confused how you're getting
7 good grades, good marks on your work but it
8 seems like you were put out. But obviously they
9 must have put you back in again for the porter
10 duties. Okay. And this is where I got
11 contradictory. I'm showing a patio clerk
12 1-12-2001 but I'm showing the date as sergeant's
13 work crew.

14 [Thereupon, the tape was turned over.]

15 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO:** Okay. All
16 right. So again my problem is I got patio
17 clerk, showing me evals and then I've got
18 sergeant's work crew. And it seems to be kind
19 of the same timeframe for the work crew,
20 3-12-02, above average. Then I'm showing
21 July 26, August 9 and August 31 for the patio
22 clerk, above average. Is sergeant's work crew
23 and patio clerk kind of the same?

24 **INMATE HULSEY:** Yeah.

25 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO:** Okay. So
26 I've got dates from two different sources. Next
27 I'm showing, confusing again, because I'm

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1 showing you as watch clerk May 18, 2002 with
2 above average evaluation on 8-6-2002. Then a
3 movement to statistics clerk, 4-22-04,
4 satisfactory and above, 6-1-2004. Then the
5 watch commander's clerk, 6-5-04. Again, how do
6 we get a satisfactory evaluation or you got a
7 satisfactory evaluation or above, noting
8 4-14-05, 4-6-05, 4-20-05 and then 5-31-05
9 exceptional. And then I got nothing for the
10 last year. What have you been doing for the
11 last year?

12 INMATE HULSEY: Up until January of this
13 year I was in the same job. I was a clerk, the
14 patio clerk or watch commander's clerk. And as
15 of January of this year, I think it was
16 effective January this year, it might have been
17 late last year, I was put in the dental lab.
18 They have a dental lab here. A position came
19 open and I went back in there.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: And I'm not
21 seeing any chronos for it, which is a little
22 unfortunate. This is your initial, but it makes
23 sense. Will suffice it to say that you have
24 never gotten less than a satisfactory
25 evaluation. You know what, I did see something
26 for January.

27 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: There was an AA

1 chrono.

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Thank you.

3 For that same timeframe?

4 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: One three '06.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: All right.

6 Okay. While we're talking about self-help and
7 specifically AA, I've got one chrono showing me
8 10-4-97, participation, and then a December 31,
9 '97. From there I've got nothing until July
10 2001. Is there a break there? What happened?

11 INMATE HULSEY: In -- What was it, '97?

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: So we're
13 talking '98, '99, 2000 and it looks like
14 probably the first two quarters of 2001 or the
15 first quarter of 2000 --

16 INMATE HULSEY: That's when I was
17 transferred here from Pleasant Valley.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Got it.

19 Okay. Then I'm showing chronos July '01,
20 October, December '01, April '02, July '02,
21 September '02, December '02. I don't show
22 anything in '03. There was something 4-03 but
23 it may be a reference but it wasn't specific.
24 And then 7-03, 10-3, January '04, April '04,
25 July, October, December '04. Then I don't show
26 anything for first and second quarter of 2005.
27 Then I got a January 3, '06 which refers to

1 third and fourth quarter for AA. So we had a
2 break for first and second quarter in 2005?

3 INMATE HULSEY: I think there might have
4 been in between sponsors. I'm not sure why I
5 never got a chrono.

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. And
7 anything since January of this year?

8 INMATE HULSEY: I haven't been able to
9 go. Our facility's been locked down since
10 February 7..

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. Now,
12 I'm out of chronology here, but I want to do all
13 those -- that run. Pretty consistent AA
14 attendance. I've got a Men's Advisory Council,
15 March '95. Then I'm showing Captive Audience
16 Literacy Group, 5-9-98. The classes for
17 Hepatitis C, July '99, HIV slash AIDS. I've
18 seen you've taken that April '99 and August '99.
19 And then Arts In Correction for the period of
20 '98 to '99 with a chrono dated 6-24-99. Under
21 laudatories, although -- should have done the
22 Reader one here, but I'm seeing Literacy Action
23 certificate 3-22-94, 12-hour workshop tutoring.
24 I had Inmate Peer Education program and I
25 crossed it out.

26 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: He's got some chronos.

27 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Well I'm

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1 showing Literacy Group, 5-9-98 and then a
2 12-16-05 Children's Holiday Festival.

3 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: You should have those.

4 Inmate Peer --

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, those are --

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Those are --

7 INMATE HULSEY: -- miscellaneous.

8 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: -- HIV and
9 the Hep C's.

10 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Yeah.

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. I
12 think the Inmate Peer Education program was part
13 and party of the Literacy Action certificate.
14 It was mentioned somewhere else.

15 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Okay.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: And that's
17 why I crossed it out. Okay. Let's do the
18 psych. I'm looking at April 25, 2006. The
19 diagnostic impression shows me Axis I, Alcohol
20 Dependence In Institutional Remission. Axis II,
21 None. Axis III, Back Problem. Axis IV,
22 Incarceration and Axis V shows us a GAF of 90 --
23 of 100. Assessment of dangerousness is showing
24 past six years disciplinary-free. Dangerousness
25 within a controlled setting is lower than the
26 inmate population. Released to the community,
27 it appears he would be able to maintain his

1 current sobriety and commitment to remain
2 abstinent. His assessment of dangerousness in
3 the community is no more than the average person
4 in a non-prison population. Significant risk
5 factor or precursor to violence for Hulsey would
6 be return to alcohol use. He should be
7 periodically tested and attendance at Alcoholics
8 Anonymous or some other alcohol treatment
9 modality should be a mandatory requirement of
10 parole. Hulsey is competent, responsible for
11 his behavior. Capacity to abide by institution
12 standards. Should do well in the future as long
13 as he remains drug and alcohol free. Any
14 treatment program is recommended -- will help
15 him maintain long term sobriety. Does not have
16 mental health disorder which would necessitate
17 treatment either during his incarceration or on
18 parole. That was one by Dr. Merrick (phonetic).
19 And I'm showing an April '93 for --
20 documentation hearing, short one-pager by
21 Dr. Larson (phonetic). My specific note on this
22 was the most appropriate psychiatric diagnosis
23 would be that of alcohol dependence in
24 institutional remission. Express interest in
25 college as well as Alcoholics Anonymous.
26 Appears sincere. Hopes to major in psychology,
27 though express an interest in physical sciences

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1 such as chemistry. His violence potential
2 appears to be considerably less than that of the
3 average inmate population. "To this evaluator,
4 he appears to be an individual who should, when
5 it is administratively possible, do as much of
6 his programming as possible at CMC, eventually
7 entering into a Category T program. College is
8 encouraged if available." And that seems to be
9 February 25, '93 on that. Okay. And lastly,
10 115's, 128's. I'm showing four 128's, 3-24-93,
11 possession of contraband; 8-20-95, unauthorized
12 window covering; 5-17-99, failure to report to
13 work; 11-01-00, failure to report to work. And
14 115's, 12-8-94 for performance, guilty,
15 counseled and reprimanded. Eight four '99,
16 refusing to work, guilty, assessed 30 days, 10
17 days loss of privilege, counseled, warned and
18 reprimanded. Did I miss anything?

19 INMATE HULSEY: Not that I can tell.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Counsel, did
21 you have anything else?

22 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: No.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay.
24 Commissioner.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How much
26 of your \$10,000 restitution have you paid off?

27 INMATE HULSEY: I think just under

1 \$1,500.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

3 Are you -- Is this current dental lab job of
4 yours a pay number?

5 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What are
7 you getting paid there?

8 INMATE HULSEY: It's 36 a month.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
10 And why no vocation?

11 INMATE HULSEY: For a great deal of time
12 vocations weren't available to Close Custody
13 inmates. And I've only been Medium Custody
14 since I think it was 2000, since I've been here.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: April 13.

16 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, of 2000.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That's
18 six years.

19 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. Where I was at
20 over at north facility, they don't have any
21 vocations that particularly interest me. They
22 have a graphic arts program over here, it's the
23 print shop, which I would like to take, and a
24 drafting class, computer aided drafting class at
25 that, here that I would like to take. But --

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You on
27 the waiting list?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: I'm not even on the
2 waiting list. They won't put me on it because
3 I'm not here in central facility.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: I see.
5 Okay. How many college units have you -- six?

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: That's what
7 I'm showing.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
9 And those are in English?

10 INMATE HULSEY: Three in English and I
11 think three in psychology.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah,
13 three units so looks like two classes.

14 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Is there
16 anything you can do in terms of vocation or
17 self-help with a correspondence course?

18 INMATE HULSEY: If I have the means,
19 yeah. If I can just -- If I know who to write
20 to start, I wouldn't have a problem doing
21 anything like that at all.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
23 meet with other lifers? Is there any kind of
24 lifers group meetings here?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Not where I'm at.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What are
27 you doing now in the dental lab?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Making dentures.

2 Partial and full dentures. Well, actually I
3 haven't started doing the full's yet. I just do
4 partial dentures.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Are you
6 just learning that? You've been in the dental
7 lab once before.

8 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Right?

10 INMATE HULSEY: But that was a long time
11 before.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Things
13 change?

14 INMATE HULSEY: The procedures, no, not
15 really. It's just getting back in the swing of
16 doing it.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Enjoy it?

18 INMATE HULSEY: Yes, very much so.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You see
20 that as a potential vocation?

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. I wouldn't mind
22 doing it out on the streets.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:
24 Somebody's got to do it.

25 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, everybody needs
26 teeth.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Not

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1 everybody, but most of us do. What did you
2 learn when you were in PIA in textiles?

3 INMATE HULSEY: I didn't.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You
5 didn't learn?

6 INMATE HULSEY: I was only there for
7 three months. And when I was assigned, they
8 were at their -- some kind of break where they
9 do an inventory. So they had just a minimal
10 crew coming in. I think it was maybe like eight
11 or nine guys, like a skeleton crew just to keep
12 the sewing machines running so to speak.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And what
14 did you learn in Arts In Corrections?

15 INMATE HULSEY: That was voluntary. And
16 it was just art classes. Some of it -- one
17 thing -- Part of it taught me was to loosen up,
18 not try to be so -- it's hard to describe, not
19 try to be so rigid in what I did, loosen up and
20 kind of just do different things. They had one
21 instructor come in that showed us -- working
22 with ceramics, did a little bit of that. That's
23 really it. Just go in there and do artwork.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So they
25 taught you how to color outside the lines, huh?

26 INMATE HULSEY: Basically, yeah.

27 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And tell

1 me about this reading for the blind, what was
2 that?

3 INMATE HULSEY: That was the Folsom
4 Project for the Visually Impaired. And what we
5 do is we'd sit down and we would read books onto
6 tapes. And it was like a lending library.
7 People that have vision problems would -- it was
8 done through another company, not a company,
9 another organization outside the prison. The
10 visually impaired people, they would call this
11 organization. This organization would get a
12 hold of the institution and say, okay, do you
13 have this, do you have that, this book, that
14 book. If we didn't, if they could provide the
15 book, we'd get the permission to read it on the
16 tape and then loan it them. Just like a
17 library.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:
19 Interesting. Did you ever make license plates
20 in Folsom?

21 INMATE HULSEY: No. No, never did that.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
23 And you started AA in 1997. But then got back
24 into in '01?

25 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, I think so.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: How many
27 years did you have in the AA in '97?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Prior to '97?

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah, did
3 you have some prior to '97?

4 INMATE HULSEY: No. Closed Custody, in
5 '97 was when they got a Closed Custody AA
6 program going.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And how
8 many years did you do it in '97 until when?

9 INMATE HULSEY: Well, I'm unsure of when
10 they started it in '97 but it only lasted until
11 like May of '98 when I got transferred here.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And then
13 it took you all this time to get it here
14 (indiscernible) --

15 INMATE HULSEY: (Indiscernible) --

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
17 position here?

18 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. Because I was
19 still Closed Custody. Well, I was Medium
20 Custody and then Closed Custody again. And they
21 didn't have an AA program for Closed Custody's
22 because Closed Custody's could not leave the
23 cells in the evening.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So you've
25 got AA regularly from -- did I read that right,
26 regularly from '01 until now?

27 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: As

2 regular as it can be?

3 INMATE HULSEY: Well, yeah, barring any

4 --

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:

6 Lockdowns.

7 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, lockdowns, lack of
8 program which has been happening a lot since
9 2001.

10 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You know
11 your steps?

12 INMATE HULSEY: I've only gotten -- far
13 as number two and that's the one I have the
14 biggest problem with.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: What step
16 is that?

17 INMATE HULSEY: Put myself in the hands
18 of a higher power. I've always felt I'm
19 responsible for my own actions.

20 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Is that
21 -- Is that what that means?

22 INMATE HULSEY: No, well, to me it kind
23 of does. To me it's like asking me to say,
24 okay, it's not my fault. It's asking me to do
25 something that I don't believe in. I guess you
26 could say, for lack of a better term, I'm an
27 atheist. And I don't -- By putting myself in

1 the hands of a higher power, they're asking me
2 to basically quit taking the blame for my
3 alcoholism. And I can't do that. I know I have
4 a problem with alcohol and I'm the only one
5 that's going to be able to solve it.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
7 Very good. Mr. Underwood, do you have any
8 questions for the inmate?

9 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD: No,
10 I don't. Thank you.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
12 you. Ms. Tardiff?

13 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: I have none.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
15 Mr. Underwood, would you like to make a closing
16 statement.

17 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERWOOD: I
18 would. Thank you. I see a lot -- a lot of good
19 that I don't (indiscernible) when I come to
20 these hearings of what the inmate's doing to
21 better himself in prison. But I see some things
22 that are troubling. And I'm sure the citizens
23 of our community would find them troubling. And
24 I begin there with the defendant's memory of the
25 crime, what he's told people happened at various
26 stages. And beginning in the current report the
27 inmate says he was drunk and he doesn't remember

1 anything. Going back to the probation report
2 after the defendant was convicted, he made the
3 statement that it's real terrible that someone
4 died, it shouldn't have happened, and had I been
5 sober, it wouldn't have, that's all I can say.
6 Going back before -- That was on March 19, 1990,
7 so about nine months or so after the crime was
8 committed. Going back to two days after the
9 crime was committed, on page three of the
10 probation report he initially said he had a
11 blackout and was unable to recall his
12 activities. He subsequently admitted that talk
13 about committing -- robbery began while they
14 were at the river. He acknowledged that it was
15 his idea to attempt to obtain a weapon from his
16 brother. He contended that he was extremely
17 intoxicated at the time and that the amount of
18 alcohol consumed impaired his judgment. I was
19 drunk out of my mind. The common theme here is
20 that there -- it seems to be that alcohol's to
21 blame here and not the inmate. But what strikes
22 me when you went through the narration of the
23 facts of the current crime is that they show a
24 mind that doesn't appear to be impaired to that
25 degree. In other words, the planning done, the
26 driving from the lake, which it's not clear in
27 here, but I'm assuming he's talking about Lake

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1 (indiscernible) here, little northeast of Exeter
2 and also east of Woodlake. So he's able to
3 drive this car around, they're able to stake the
4 place out, check the amount of traffic going in
5 and out of the store. Four other people are in
6 the car. I conclude that the impairment was not
7 that bad if none of those four people at that
8 time said, for their own safety, holy cow, get
9 this guy away from the wheel if he's that
10 intoxicated to where he's blacked out. Get him
11 away from the wheel. I don't want to be a
12 passenger in this car because he's too drunk.
13 But we don't see any of that in the report. So
14 it's somewhat troubling. I don't want to say
15 the inmate's not telling you the truth here, but
16 I just wonder if he's really accounting for what
17 happened back then. I don't believe he is. He
18 accounted back in June of '89 to some degree,
19 but since then it seems -- it seems to be I
20 don't remember anything, I was drunk, if I
21 wouldn't have got drunk, it wouldn't have
22 happened. And I don't know if that's taking
23 accountability for what happened. I don't
24 believe it is. We're also concerned by the
25 128's seen in the report. Now I note that the
26 possession of contraband, it appears to be
27 before he attended his AA meetings. But if it's

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1 the alcohol that that's the problem, well here
2 we see in 1993 an attempt to get contraband
3 while he was in custody. We have all these
4 letters saying once he's on the outside, hey, we
5 got a place for him to work, why don't you come
6 with us, it sounds like he has a family who's
7 very supportive. But here when I look at his
8 disciplinary histories I see quite a few
9 failures to report to work and refusing to work.
10 I don't know the circumstances behind those, but
11 those also cause us some concern too. For these
12 reasons we feel he's not a suitable candidate
13 for release. Thank you.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER:** Thank
15 you. Ms. Tardiff.

16 **ATTORNEY TARDIFF:** I just have a
17 question. The '93 possession of contraband,
18 what was that for?

19 **INMATE HULSEY:** Just a bunch of crap.

20 **ATTORNEY TARDIFF:** The 128's are not
21 alcohol related. Contraband can be a rubber
22 band I guess, anything that they're not supposed
23 to have is contraband.

24 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO:** Do you want
25 me to read it, counsel?

26 **ATTORNEY TARDIFF:** Sure.

27 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO:** Three 24,

1 '93, during a cell search of inmates Hulsey and
2 Bishop, found and confiscated numerous items of
3 contraband, some of which were inmate
4 manufactured tools, screwdrivers, utility knife,
5 numerous strips of civilian clothing, prints,
6 two civilian shirts, black and white, wax for
7 sealing televisions, one television set, seals
8 broken. These items were found in Hulsey's
9 living space, under and near his bunk. He
10 admitted to using dental epoxy resin which he
11 obtained from the dental lab. And there was an
12 evaluation it might be used to aid in an escape
13 attempt. All the above listed contraband will
14 be pending investigation. And that's the most
15 significant part of that. So no, it is not
16 substance abuse.

17 **ATTORNEY TARDIFF:** So it was not alcohol
18 related. Okay. Thanks. So I would -- those
19 remarks regarding the 128's by the District
20 Attorney I don't think were appropriate since
21 they did not involve any kind of substance
22 abuse. Further, 128's are counseling chronos
23 and disciplinary actions, making his last 115 in
24 '99. So were going almost on seven years since
25 he's had a 115 which I think is excellent
26 behavior. Only two 115's, no force or violence.
27 Again, almost seven-years-old. So his

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1 performance in terms of disciplinary or abiding
2 by institutional standards I submit is
3 excellent. But let me go to his
4 pre-incarceration history first. He appeared to
5 have a stable social history. He was a high
6 school graduate. His family appeared to be
7 stable and intact. And currently that seems to
8 be the case as well. He's got a lot of letters
9 from his family which appear to be very
10 supportive of him. All mention that they were a
11 close knit family. So his pre-incarceration
12 history, non-criminal, appears to be supportive.
13 His post -- And his criminal history, he didn't
14 have any prior criminal history at all. He had
15 an arrest for minor in possession of alcohol and
16 public intoxication when he was 15 and 17, but
17 that was it. No force or violence either before
18 the commitment offense. This was the only
19 indication of any violence. And I'd like to
20 point out that Mr. Hulsey was not the shooter.
21 And in his sentencing report the judge noted
22 that: "And I realize that Mr. Hulsey was a
23 participant by reason of the aider and abetter
24 rule and I -- " And then it goes on to say:
25 "I am well aware -- I am well
26 aware of the particular problems
27 that all of us face with the

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1 felony murder rule and there have
2 been other cases in this
3 courthouse where other individuals
4 were outside a particular
5 residence and/or commercial
6 establishment where a homicide's
7 occurred and they too suffered the
8 consequences of the main principal
9 in the action. And I am afraid
10 that in Mr. Hulsey's circumstance
11 because of the fact perhaps that
12 he was drinking alcohol that day
13 or because of the other factors
14 that were mentioned in the 25 page
15 report supplied by defense counsel
16 he found himself in a situation
17 that he now has to pay his debt to
18 society. Again, I am shocked and
19 distressed that I have to impose
20 these types of sentences on a
21 young man with no record."

22 And he's referring to granting a motion to have
23 this reduced to a manslaughter. So even the
24 court, I believe by those statements, had no
25 discretion at all and had to impose, but the
26 court was troubled by the fact that Mr. Hulsey
27 did not have any prior record and was in the car

1 at the time of the offense. And I submit that
2 in mitigating his factors in the commitment
3 offense. Also, the probation officer's report
4 noted that he was highly intoxicated which
5 significantly reduced his culpability for the
6 crime. And I believe it was a .17 was his
7 alcohol reading at the time of the commitment
8 offense if I'm not mistaken.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Counsel,
10 I read it two one.

11 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Did you, two one.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: From
13 testimony from a doctor.

14 ATTORNEY TARDIFF: Okay. So he was -- It
15 was pretty high that's for sure. Way over the
16 limit, twice over the limit either reading and
17 that's significant. Not that that should
18 diminish his culpability in terms of this young
19 clerk's demise. But I think it does
20 substantiate Mr. Hulsey's testimony regarding
21 how intoxicated he was. And I think also in
22 reference to some of the remarks made by the
23 District Attorney for -- I don't think
24 particularly then young teens were not going to
25 say, hey, maybe he better not be driving. I
26 just can't see teenage boys even doing that.
27 They're reckless, particularly if they're

1 involved with companions that are drinking a
2 lot. It's not just something that's done.
3 Since he's been incarcerated, I've addressed the
4 115's and the 128's. He has participated in
5 programming when it's available. Due to the
6 lockdowns and his custody level, he hasn't been
7 able to do as much as I believe he would like to
8 do. And I don't think there's any indication
9 that he would not want to be participating more.
10 He does get good work reports, satisfactory to
11 above average. Been a clerk for the watch
12 commander. He's volunteered a lot of his time
13 in terms of literacy group. He seems to have
14 found some sort of niche in his artwork. I'll
15 also submit that that is also a form of
16 self-help for many individuals I'm sure,
17 including Mr. Hulsey. He has good psych
18 reports, two of them only, but the most recent,
19 '06, the high GAF at 90. No mental health
20 diagnosis. Average citizen. And the one before
21 that was also good. His regret for instant
22 offense appears authentic. This is from '93,
23 that's a long time ago. And his violence
24 potential appears to be considerably less than
25 that of the average inmate population. He's
26 done some college since he's been incarcerated.
27 So I believe that Mr. Hulsey has programmed in a

1 very positive fashion. And up to this point
2 he's done everything he can. If he is not found
3 suitable, I think he should only be given a one
4 year denial due to his good programming. Thank
5 you.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
7 you. Mr. Hulsey, this is your opportunity to
8 tell this Board why you feel you're suitable for
9 parole at this time.

10 INMATE HULSEY: Wow.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You
12 didn't realize you were going to have this
13 opportunity?

14 INMATE HULSEY: Well, I did but I went
15 over in my head many times what I think I would
16 say why I should be found suitable. But I think
17 my lawyer's pretty much covered it all.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Well you
19 don't have to say anything if you don't -- if
20 you don't want to.

21 INMATE HULSEY: The only thing I can add
22 is if I'm found suitable and I'm paroled, I'll
23 still have a chance to make something of my
24 life. Go out work, pay taxes and complain about
25 them being too high.

26 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
27 And gasoline too.

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1 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah. Yeah.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: That's

3 it?

4 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

6 Thank you. It's 2:30 and we will recess for

7 deliberations.

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. Our
tape's rolling.

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

The time is 2:50 in the afternoon in the matter
of Mr. Hulsey. And everyone has returned to the
hearing. The Panel's reviewed all the
information received from the public and relied
on the following circumstances in concluding
that the prisoner is not suitable for parole and
would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to
society or a threat to public safety if released
from prison. First of all we'll talk about the
commitment offense. It was carried out in an
especially cruel and callous manner in that his
crime partner, who I read in the legal documents
got life without the possibility of parole.

INMATE HULSEY: I think so, yeah.

PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: His crime
partner, Mr. Abele, ultimately after spending
the time with Mr. Hulsey and three juveniles
went into a store and robbed it with
Mr. Hulsey's brother's .22 rifle with three
rounds in it. The storekeeper was ultimately
murdered in this particular case which earned

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1 them five dollars. Five dollars in this
2 robbery. While Mr. Hulsey did not do the
3 robbery himself, he was in the car. He was a
4 participant and was found -- Did you have a
5 court trial or a jury trial?

6 INMATE HULSEY: Court trial.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Court
8 trial. He's ultimately found guilty of murder
9 in the first degree, armed with a firearm and
10 the second count of robbery to run concurrent
11 with the -- with the murder and an enhancement
12 on both for the -- for the weapon which he
13 received a 12022.5 of the Penal Code. The facts
14 that he -- The fact is that he and his crime
15 partner had been drinking. He's 18 years of
16 age. He had a history -- And so he was only 18.
17 He had a brief history, three years of history
18 with alcohol abuse. There was an attempt made
19 to get him squared away with that by sending him
20 to Narcotics Anonymous or a program and he
21 wasn't successful obviously at that time of his
22 life. This certainly demonstrated -- The way it
23 was carried out demonstrated an exceptional
24 callous disregard for human suffering in that a
25 life was taken for five dollars, which the
26 motive for this crime is certainly inexplicable.

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1 Mr. Hulsey, as said before, does not have a
2 serious previous record, has no violence in his
3 previous record as a juvenile. Did have an
4 alcohol problem and has -- did not -- certainly
5 did not benefit from the program that he
6 attended. And unfortunately continued to drink;
7 otherwise, he probably wouldn't be sitting here
8 today as he claims he if wasn't under the
9 influence he wouldn't have happened. Is that
10 correct, sir?

11 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: He
13 remembers some of the events leading up to this
14 but claims that he was blacked out. He did have
15 a high blood alcohol when it was calculated as
16 to what he drank. It was somewhere around two
17 -- .20 which certainly by today's standards
18 would be almost three times the legal limit, two
19 and a half times the legal limit of .08. And
20 certainly was a danger while driving around in
21 that condition. His institutional behavior, he
22 has -- he's programmed in a -- has done -- has
23 done well given the circumstances of his custody
24 level. He's gotten -- Up until recently he was
25 the watch commander's clerk, received above
26 average work reports. He was a patio clerk in

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1 '01. He was also -- did a stint as watch clerk.
2 He was a porter in 1999. In 1998 he worked at
3 PIA in textiles for a brief period of time. He
4 was a sergeant's clerk or with the sergeant's
5 yard crew in '01, above average or average work
6 reports and above average work reports. The --
7 Most recently and currently he's in the dental
8 lab which he expressed that he likes and his
9 body language indicated that as well. He kind
10 of lit up. And his self-help programs, the most
11 critical program, AA, he did get a start in '97.
12 But again, based on custody level had some
13 difficulty but he started again when he came
14 here in '01 to the present and claims to be
15 working the first two steps. And if there's
16 some alternative program that isn't so
17 spiritually based that you find, whether it's
18 correspondence or a program in the institution
19 that might suit you better based on the fact of
20 the higher power issue that would do similar --
21 same thing as a 12-step program -- We're big
22 fans of -- 12-step program because we see
23 results, positive -- very positive results if
24 people stick to it. And there -- And they take
25 -- they take the stress off of people when
26 they're on the outside (indiscernible) and they
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1 continue to go and they have sponsors and they
2 have a safety net so to speak that they can --
3 You know, if you look at all the steps, you'll
4 see the last two steps are maintenance. And you
5 know -- And you develop a relapse prevention
6 program and things like that that help you --
7 help you deal with the day to day life without
8 alcohol and/or drugs. So if you can, you know,
9 find something. It doesn't have to be AA. None
10 of the Panels will say go to AA. We'll just
11 tell you to get self-help in some sort of
12 12-step program, something to deal with
13 addictions. Do you understand what I'm saying?

14 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

15 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
16 That will help you -- That should help you in
17 the future. Nineteen '98, the Captive Audience
18 Literacy Group. In '99 you took a series of
19 courses for Hepatitis, HIV and AIDS courses.
20 You know about Hepatitis C?

21 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

22 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You know
23 how to get it?

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
26 you don't do any of that?

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1 INMATE HULSEY: No.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You don't
3 have any tattoos, do you?

4 INMATE HULSEY: None.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
6 good. Okay. Arts In Corrections. You did a
7 stint in that and explained a little about that,
8 what he was doing in 1998 and 1999. He's gotten
9 six units in -- three in psychology, three in
10 English from college courses. He's done Inmate
11 Peer Education and gotten some certificates for
12 those particular things. While all these -- any
13 one of these things isn't much, all of them
14 together are much. You know what I mean?

15 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You just
17 kind of keep stacking up, making that stack
18 bigger and bigger, it's the scale of justice
19 here. And you want all the good stuff on one
20 side and all the bad stuff you can't change on
21 the outside. That stuff being 115's.

22 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

23 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Last one
24 was 1999 for refusing to work. The previous one
25 was 1994 for performance. And then received
26 four counseling chronos, 128's, last one being

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1 in the year 2000, nearly seven years ago. Are
2 you aware of how a date's determined for you?
3 If we feel you're ready for parole today, you
4 know how we calculate it?

5 INMATE HULSEY: No, no idea.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
7 Well we have a -- And your attorney can explain
8 it to you and maybe even show you. We have a
9 matrix.

10 INMATE HULSEY: This I've heard of.

11 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. We
12 have a matrix and we go, you know, we put you in
13 a category on the top and a category on the side
14 and bring them together and then we've got a
15 choice of three different years that we can give
16 you. And we pick -- we pick out where you fall
17 into the matrix. Now what's real important that
18 you know is for every year that you go without a
19 115 you get four months of credit, good time.

20 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. So
22 you've done, what, 16 years?

23 INMATE HULSEY: Sixteen, seventeen.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Yeah.
25 Since you've come to the prison.

26 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah, 16.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Sixteen
2 years. Sixteen years minus two in your case.
3 So you get 14 times four, whatever that works
4 out to be, number of months, and then we take
5 that off of that matrix number. So every year
6 that you go without a 115, you're picking up
7 four months, you're picking up a third of a
8 year. And that's particularly important to you.
9 Again, your -- your attorney can show you how
10 that works.

11 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: So it's
13 real important you stay discipline-free. That's
14 what -- That's the bottom line I'm getting at.
15 You get rewarded immensely for this.

16 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Plus, if
18 you got a 115 today, it's almost like starting
19 all over again with your -- with your time.

20 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: We look
22 at -- we look -- we look -- You know, it's a --
23 it's a violation of the rules which equate to a
24 violation of the law on the outside. And if you
25 can't follow the rules in here, especially with
26 your history here, history being the time you

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1 spent here, knowing how it works and working it,
2 you've got to be real careful and continue to --
3 continue to do what you're doing. We did -- I
4 did mention the dental lab that you're currently
5 in that and that that's certainly a very
6 positive vocational tool that you might get,
7 that you might want to look at. You might want
8 to look at what else -- As time goes on, you're
9 going to have more and more opportunities for
10 vocation, something that obviously is
11 interesting to you and something that you can
12 use on the outside as a marketable skill in the
13 future. So your -- your -- you're doing well.
14 You present very well.

15 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You
17 present yourself as very intelligent. You're
18 making this hearing go real easy for us because
19 you seem to absorb what we have to say and you
20 communicate very, very well. So you know, you
21 can look at this as one of the hardest job
22 interviews you'll ever go to, you know. This is
23 a tough job interview.

24 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

25 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Nothing
26 will ever be this tough. Especially on your

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1 initial hearing when you're not quite sure what
2 to expect and you've heard rumors and those
3 rumors are generally not true. But we're not
4 all that bad. Psychiatric factors.
5 Commissioner.

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: I was going
7 to say speak for yourself, you're not that bad.
8 Okay. Just a quick review of the psych. What
9 I'm keying in on is the alcohol dependence issue
10 and in this case the psychiatric evaluation
11 showed it in institutional remission. And the
12 other axis show basically no other problems and
13 actually a GAF score of 90 out of 100 is quite
14 high. The assessment of dangerousness noted as
15 lower than the inmate population. And for a
16 community base as long as -- maintain current
17 sobriety and commitment to remain abstinent then
18 the assessment would be no more than average
19 than the average person in a non-prison
20 population. I guess that would be the
21 community. Significant risk factor of course is
22 the alcohol use. And the prior evaluation
23 basically hits on the same point of alcohol
24 dependence and to maintain sobriety.

25 [Thereupon, tape two was recorded.]

26 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: Okay. We're

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1 rolling on both.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay. As
3 I was talking about -- asked the question of the
4 inmate do you see the connection of the
5 psychological report to your programming.
6 Psychological report says that your risk factors
7 are much higher if you're not abstinent.

8 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And so
10 that's why the AA or equivalent program is so
11 important to make us feel that you have that
12 safety net, you have that -- you have something
13 to fall back on so you don't relapse and start
14 drinking again and get yourself -- and do
15 something -- something that you're going to
16 regret.

17 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: You see
19 what I'm -- that's -- That's where it ties
20 together. Your parole plans, excellent. You've
21 got wonderful letters from your family. Sounds
22 like you've got just a great family and it
23 sounds like they're very interested in taking
24 care of you. Sounds like they're loving.
25 Sounds like they'd be a good -- good support --
26 support. And not just using that word

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1 willy-nilly. I'm talking about support when --
2 You know, if you don't have the stresses of
3 finances, a place to live or you know -- You may
4 get a job initially that doesn't pay a lot and
5 you couldn't survive on your own because the
6 price of housing is nuts even in the valley now.

7 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: It's just
9 going -- It's getting wild. So you know, you
10 look ahead and you say I don't think I could
11 ever, you know, take care of myself. You've got
12 your -- You got your family there and your
13 friends that -- that -- that you can confide in.
14 I mean, your whole life's on this table at this
15 point in time of your life and you know
16 everybody knows about you and -- inside and out.
17 There's no -- hopefully no secrets. But you
18 know, you've got to have people out there
19 that'll be -- that'll be on your side. And this
20 certainly looks like -- based on the letters
21 that were written and that we went through
22 today. As far as employment's concern, that's
23 yet to come. I do believe you have a marketable
24 skill clearly in your artwork. Your artwork was
25 fabulous.

26 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

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1 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: And
2 thanks for bringing it in and sharing it with
3 us. It shows a tremendous amount of talent
4 there. But you know the old story on artists.
5 They're starving.

6 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
8 You know, there are artists and there's actors
9 and there's -- You know there's people out there
10 that have a lot of talent but there's a lot of
11 competition.

12 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: But I --
14 In looking at your work, it's -- it's quite --
15 quite beautiful and -- and you certainly have --
16 you certainly have a talent there and very
17 marketable skill. But I would -- We would
18 encourage you to continue to get vocational
19 skills that you possibly can, whether it's
20 dental lab or whatever else you can get into.
21 Encourage you maybe to stay away from some of
22 the things that -- that -- You want to evaluate
23 the particular vocation. Like upholstery.
24 There's lots of upholsterers out there. And
25 that's a pretty competitive market and you don't
26 make a lot of money, not that it's not

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1 necessary. I mean we're all sitting on soft
2 seats because of PIA. But still some of the
3 manufacturing jobs that are in the institutions
4 are offshore, you know, textiles and things like
5 that. They're -- they're -- While they're
6 self-serving while they're in -- in -- in the
7 institution and you get good -- good job skills,
8 the question is where am I going to use it, you
9 know. If you're a (indiscernible) that in
10 quality control on t-shirts, you have to go to
11 Bangladesh or Malaysia or someplace because
12 that's where all the stuff is made --

13 INMATE HULSEY: Yeah.

14 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: --
15 anymore. Very little textile going on in -- in
16 the -- in the United States. So continue to
17 keep those parole plans fresh. We did have a
18 response from Tulare County in opposition to a
19 parole date being set for you today. And I
20 again want to commend you for your behavior, for
21 your self-help that you've been doing, for all
22 the work that you've -- that you've done even
23 though they've been pretty low-level jobs. We
24 understand. And you continue to get your
25 classification -- and put yourself in a position
26 where you can get better -- better and better

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1 jobs, continue, you know -- Get those better
2 jobs so that you can pay off that restitution
3 that you owe or try to seek some outside --
4 outside help with that. And so we want to
5 commend you for that. However, these positive
6 aspects of your behavior doesn't outweigh the
7 crime that you were committed for. In a
8 separate decision, the hearing Panel finds the
9 prisoner has been convicted of murder and
10 robbery to run concurrent. It's not reasonable
11 to expect parole would be granted in the next
12 three years. So you're getting a three year
13 denial here based on the crime, based on your
14 alcohol and you need programming, continue
15 programming, and you've -- you've got the
16 longest stint in AA from '01 to now. You need
17 longer. You need three more years on top of
18 that. You need to get some marketable skills
19 under your belt so that you've got options when
20 you do get released. I'm confident -- We're
21 confident, and we talked about this during our
22 deliberations, how -- how well you interview,
23 how -- what a pleasant guy you are in terms of
24 your presentation today. And for the -- for the
25 first hearing normally -- not normally,
26 sometimes we see four and five years, and I'm

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1 sure your attorney mentioned that, denial. We
2 want to keep -- We want to keep you encouraged.
3 We don't again believe that you'll be paroled
4 within the next three years. There's no
5 possibility that you'll be paroled in the next
6 three years. So let's take this time to bolster
7 up your -- your preparations for that parole.
8 And I can't guarantee you what's going to happen
9 in three years. But I can say that you need --
10 you need -- we say that you need these three
11 years to -- to get yourself in a better position
12 for parole. So our recommendations to you,
13 continue your self-help, stay discipline-free,
14 learn a trade and earn those positive chronos.
15 Okay. Do you understand?

16 INMATE HULSEY: Yes.

17 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Do you
18 have any questions? I don't normally let the
19 inmate talk during this period of time, during
20 our decision. But I want you to be perfectly
21 clear because this is your initial hearing. Do
22 you have any questions for us?

23 INMATE HULSEY: No, actually I don't.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.
25 Very good. Do you have anything you'd like to
26 say, Commissioner?

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1 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER YACONO: No, you've
2 covered it all. Thank you.

3 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Very
4 good. Good luck to you, sir.

5 INMATE HULSEY: Okay.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Okay.

7 INMATE HULSEY: Thank you.

8 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER SAWYER: Thank
9 you.

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23 PAROLE DENIED THREE YEARS

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24 THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL ON _____

25 YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED IF, PRIOR TO THAT
26 DATE, THE DECISION IS MODIFIED

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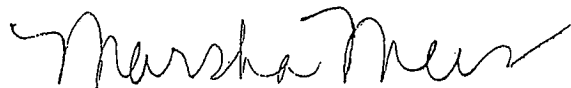
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Probation Officer's Report
March 26, 1990

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

MAR 23 1990

The People of the State of California,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CLEVE OTIS HULSEY,

Defendant.

JAY C. BAYLESS, CLERK
Romane Baltazar DEPUTY

COURT NUMBER: 27850

HEARING DATE: 3-26-90
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE PROBATION OFFICER

Judge: ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN
Department: No. 2
Attorney: James Wilson
Address: 3714 West Mineral King Avenue
Visalia, CA

Probation No: A-18731
SO ID No: 176673
CII No: None
FBI No: None
SS No: 545-08-1626

Defendant's Address: 1176 West Maple, Exeter, CADOB: 5-20-71 AGE: 18Marital Status: SingleBirthplace: Tulare, CASpouse: N/ACitizenship: United StatesChildren: NoneEducation: 12 YearsAges: N/ACOURT PROCEEDINGS:

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>PLEA DATE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>INDICATED SENTENCE</u>
27850	2-28-90	1	Fel 187 P.C., 1st Degree	Convicted in trial	
			S/A 12022(a) PC	Found True	
		2	Fel 211 P.C., 1st Degree	Convicted in trial	
			S/A 12022(a) PC	Found True	
		3	Fel 459 P.C., 2nd Degree	Convicted in trial	
			S/A 12022(a) PC	Found True	

REPORT OF THE PROBATION OFFICER
CLEVE OTIS HULSEY

BRIEF SUMMARY OF FACTS:

In the commission of a robbery of a Woodlake convenience store on June 26, 1989, the defendant shot and killed a 17-year-old store clerk, Amed Al-Kobadi.

OFFENSE:

Testimony presented during the course of a two week trial indicates that the defendant and alleged co-participant, Charles Abele, to be tried separately in September, formulated a plan to rob the A & H Market located in the rural Tulare County community of Woodlake for the purpose of obtaining money with which to buy beer. The pair obtained a .22 caliber semi-automatic bolt action rifle and ammunition and drove to the small family-owned business which they had targeted in advance.

Accounts of eyewitnesses and the confession by the defendant provided subsequent to his arrest concur that while the defendant waited in the car with the motor running, Abele, wearing a ski mask, entered the store displaying the firearm and demanded money. ~~Store clerk Amed Al-Kobadi, 17, produced several bills from the cash register while Abele allegedly maintained the rifle pointed at him in a ready-to-fire position with his finger inside the trigger guard. Reportedly, the youthful clerk grabbed the rifle at the front site, causing the firearm to discharge. Al-Kobadi suffered a single gunshot wound in the right side of his chest. The bullet reportedly perforated his lung and he expired within minutes due to exsanguination.~~

The crime netted the perpetrators \$5. According to accounts, before leaving Woodlake the defendant drove to another convenience store and with the proceeds from the robbery the co-participant purchased a quantity of gas, a pack of cigarettes and a quart of beer.

The series of events which subsequently unfolded linking the defendant with the crime were as follows:

A Woodlake resident reported observing a male subject wearing a black ski mask and carrying a rifle run from the store and enter the front passenger side of a waiting vehicle bearing California license No. 1G0P367. She reported that the vehicle was parked on the north side of the store and that she also observed "some kids" in the rear seat of the car. Investigation revealed the vehicle was registered to Neal Cave of 711 West Maple Avenue. Cave reported to authorities that he lent his automobile on June 26, 1989, to Charles Abele. Cave said that Abele was in possession of the car most of the day and upon returning the vehicle to him made statements concerning a "stick up" of a store located in the Woodlake area.

On June 27, 1989, Charles Abele provided investigating officers a voluntary statement in which he admitted involvement in the robbery and shooting death of the store clerk.

The following day investigating officers were contacted by the brother of the defendant, Marvin Hulse, who reported that he had been reading a newspaper account of the incident. He testified that the defendant came to his house together with Abele and asked to borrow his father's rifle. As they were borrowing the weapon, they explained that they wanted to use it for shooting bottles at a canal. He reported that he told the defendant he did not have any bullets, but in fact had removed cartridges from the clip because he felt both defendants had been drinking. He stated that both defendants returned to his home later in the day and returned the rifle.

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Cody Grim testified that on June 26, 1989, he was contacted by Abele who asked him for some .22 caliber ammunition, and specifically asked for three bullets. About the time that Grim handed Abele the bullets, Hulsey approached and stated that the pair was planning to go to the canal and do some target shooting. Grim also observed that at the time Anthony Chavira was in the back seat of the car with another young man whose name he did not recall. Through investigation, officers eventually obtained statements from teenagers Anthony Chavira, 16, Darren Stephens, 17, and Chad Stephens, 15, all of Exeter. In essence, they reported that while at the R & N Market in Exeter cashing in aluminum cans, they were invited to go swimming in the area of Slick Rock on Kaweah Lake. The teenagers agreed to give the \$6.00 which they had earned from the cans to the defendants for the purchase of beer. After leaving Slick Rock, about an hour and a half later, that Abele was overheard discussing the possibility of committing a robbery "for booze and stuff".

Abele reportedly bragged that he knew of a store which would be easy to knock off. The teenagers requested to be let go, however, Abele refused.

Reports indicate that prior to the commission of the robbery, Abele pulled over and switched seats with Hulsey. Hulsey pulled up to the north side of the store, but then drove away because there were people in the area. He drove down the street, turned around and returned to the same location. Abele inserted the clip into the chamber of the rifle and positioned the bolt forward before exiting the car. While the teenagers were laying down on the back seat, scared, Abele exited the store and Hulsey kept the motor running. A short time later, he returned to the vehicle, made a statement to the effect that he shot someone for \$5. After Abele reentered the car, Hulsey checked the rifle to see how many bullets were left.

The defendant provided a voluntary statement on June 28, 1989. Initially he claimed that he had suffered an alcohol blackout and was unable to recall his activities. He subsequently admitted that talk about committing a robbery began while they were at the river. He acknowledged that it was his idea to attempt to obtain a weapon from his brother. He contended that he was extremely intoxicated at the time and that the amount of alcohol consumed impaired his judgment. He told authorities, "I was drunk out of my mind."

DEFENDANT'S STATEMENT:

Interviewed by the undersigned writer on March 19, 1990, the defendant declined a full disclosure outlining his involvement in the crime.

He stated, "It's real terrible that someone died. It shouldn't have happened and had I been sober it wouldn't have. That's all I can say."

Regarding his confession to authorities, the defendant stated, "I told them what they wanted to hear. I was so damned scared. I felt they would let me go if I told them what they wanted to hear, but they didn't. I really don't have anything else to say."

INVESTIGATION:

As of this dictation, a statement regarding the crime and restitution has not been received from the family of the victim.

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PRIOR RECORD:

A check of the usual sources revealed no prior arrest record.

SOCIAL AND FAMILY HISTORY:

The defendant is a native and lifelong county resident with significant family ties. He is youthful, in satisfactory physical and mental health and has lived in the home of his parents all of his life.

The defendant is a graduate of Kaweah High School in Exeter. He reportedly enlisted in the Navy following graduation in June, 1989, but was discharged as a consequence of arrest on the present case. The defendant reported it was his plan to further his education following tenure with the service. "I figured I'd be doing something right for myself. I planned to go to college on the G.I. Bill and with a good education I'd be able to make a place for myself, you know, get a good job, settle down with a wife and a few kids."

The defendant is the seventh of eight children born to his parents, Coy and Martha Hulsey of 1176 West Maple in Exeter. The defendant's father reportedly is employed as a heavy equipment mechanic by Ditch Witch of Central California. The defendant's mother, currently unemployed, previously worked as a shortorder cook. The defendant's siblings include four brothers and three sisters, ranging in age 15 to 35 years. The defendant described his family as a very close and supportive one. "We've always been very close and looked out for each other," he stated.

The defendant has previously never married nor fathered any children. He reportedly is not affiliated with any social or religious organizations.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

The defendant's employment history is limited, for the most part due to his age and previous status as a student. He reported having worked as a clerk at Mountain Mike's Pizza and as a dishwasher at Carroll's Restaurant, both in Exeter, for brief durations.

FINANCIAL STATUS:

The defendant's assets and liabilities are negligible.

ALCOHOL/DRUG USE:

The defendant acknowledged a problem with alcohol abuse. He reported that he began consuming intoxicants about four years ago and that until his arrest on the instant matter, he consumed alcoholic beverages on a daily basis, frequently "just to get drunk". The defendant indicated previous participation in alcohol abuse counseling. He reported that at age 15 and again at age 17, he attended meetings of Narcotics Anonymous following arrests for minor in possession of alcohol and public intoxication. He indicated that participation in NA sessions did not ameliorate his drinking pattern except for a short time.

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Regarding the use of controlled substances, the defendant acknowledged prior experimentation with marijuana. He indicated that he had used the substance infrequently, claiming that he had "tried it once when I was 15 years old" and on the date of the offense now before the court.

PROBATION FACTORS:

Penal Code Section 1203.06 prohibits the grant of probation in this case. (Rule 414(a))

MITIGATING FACTORS:

The defendant has no known prior record of criminal conduct. (Rule 423(b)(1))

At the time of the commission of the crime, the defendant claims that he was highly intoxicated which significantly reduced his culpability for the crime. (Rule 423(b)(2))

CIRCUMSTANCES IN AGGRAVATION:

The defendant was armed with or used a weapon at the time of the commission of the crime, charged and found true as an enhancement under Section 12022. (Rule 421(a)(2))

The victim was particularly vulnerable. (Rule 421(a)(3))

The crime was preplanned. (Rule 421(a)(8))

The defendant engaged in conduct indicating a danger to society. (Rule 408)

CRITERIA AFFECTING CONCURRENT/CONSECUTIVE SENTENCES:

The crimes (Counts 1 and 2) and their objectives were predominantly independent of each other. (Rule 425(b))

The crimes (Counts 1 and 2) involved separate acts of violence or threats of violence. (Rule 425(c))

ANALYSIS:

Before the Court for a sentencing is 18-year-old Cleve Otis Hulsey, convicted of murder in the first degree, robbery in the first degree and burglary in the second degree. Also found true were special allegations, attendant to each offense respectively that the defendant was armed with a firearm.

Circumstances in the presenting matter indicate that the defendant and an alleged co-participant preplanned a robbery at a rural Woodlake convenience store in order to

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obtain money with which to buy beer. The defendant was instrumental in obtaining a firearm for that purpose and drove to said location to accomplish the act. During the commission of the crime on June 26, 1989, a 17-year-old store clerk was fatally shot in the chest. The defendant confessed his involvement in the crime, but claims that his judgment was impaired due to the amount of alcoholic beverage he had consumed that date.

Statutory provisions prohibit the grant of probation in this case. In the present case, the defendant was convicted of two crimes for which three terms of imprisonment are specified and also for a crime with an indeterminate term. Inasmuch as the killing was unnecessary to accomplish Counts 2 and 3, consecutive terms appear warranted. Section 669 of the Penal Code specifies when both types of terms are being considered for sentencing purposes, the determinate term of imprisonment shall be served first. Therefore, Count 2 should be deemed the principal determinate term. It is recommended that the term of imprisonment for Count 3 be stayed pursuant to Section 654 of the Penal Code, and that Count 1 be served consecutively to Count 2.

CUSTODY:

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>ACTUAL TIME SERVED</u>	<u>4019 CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Tul Co Jail	6-28-89 to 3-26-90	272 Days	68 Days Good Time 68 Days Work Time	408 Days

TERM:

<u>CASE NO.</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>BASE</u>	<u>ENHANCEMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
27850	1	Fel 187 P.C., 1st Degree w/ s/a 12022(a)PC	25 Yrs to Life	N/A	1 Year	25 Yrs to life + 1 Yr
	2	Fel 211 P.C., 1st Degree w/ s/a 12022(a)PC	2,3,5 Years	3 Yrs	1 Year	4 Yrs
	3	Fel 459 P.C., 2nd Degree w/ s/a 12022(a)PC	16 Mos, 2, 3 Yrs	2 Yrs	1 Year	3 Yrs

IT IS THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDED:

1. That the defendant's application for probation be DENIED.
2. That in Count 2, the defendant be committed to state prison for the total term of FOUR (4) YEARS; that he receive credit for 272 days spent in custody awaiting sentence plus 68 days good conduct credit and 68 days work time credit.

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3. That in Count 3, the defendant be committed to state prison for the total term of THREE (3) YEARS. It is recommended this term be stayed pursuant to Section 654 of the Penal Code.
4. That in Count 1, the defendant be committed to state prison for TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS TO LIFE. Regarding the enhancement of Section 12022(a) of the Penal Code, it is recommended that this one year term be served consecutive to any other term imposed. Further, it is recommended that this term run consecutively to the term imposed in Count 2. Further, pursuant to the rules of the state Board of Prison Terms, it is recommended the court direct the clerk to prepare two abstracts of judgment in this case; one to delineate the determinate sentence and the other to delineate the indeterminate sentence.

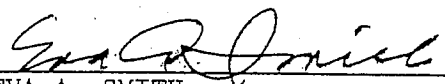
Further, it is recommended the defendant be advised pursuant to Section 1170(c) and 3000 of the California Penal Code that he may be placed on parole for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

It is further recommended the defendant pay a restitution fine pursuant to Section 13967 of the Government Code in the amount of \$10,000.

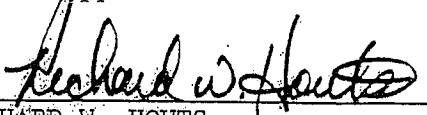
Respectfully submitted,

LARRY R. PRICE
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

DATED: March 26, 1990
EAS:sc
3-22-90

By 
EVA A. SMITH
PROBATION OFFICER II

Read and approved:

By 
RICHARD W. HOUTS
SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICER

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1203 of the Penal Code, I have read and considered the Report and Recommendation of the Probation Officer on file.

ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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Abstract of Judgment
April 19, 1990

(Amendment to Abstract of Judgment, August 1, 1991)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

The People of the State of California	)	Visalia, California	April 19, 1990
Plaintiff	)	No. 27850	Dept. 2
vs	)	Judge, Hon.	ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN
	)	Clerk	Bobbye Comer
	)	Bailiff	Daniel Fernandez
Cleve Otis Hulsey	)	Reporter	Susan Nelson
Defendant	)	Interpreter	

Nature of Hearing: JUDGMENT PROCEEDINGS

Counsel for the People: James Kordell, Deputy District Attorney

Counsel for the Defendant: James Wilson

Defendant ☒ present ☐ not present ☐ formal arraignment for judgment waived
 R: The motion for reduction of the conviction is denied.
 Court finds offense to be:

Count 1 - Felony violation §187 PC, 1st degree w/SA 12022(a) PC
 Count 2 - Felony violation §211 PC, 1st degree w/SA 12022(a) PC
 Count 3 - Felony violation §459 PC, 2nd degree w/Sa 12022(a) PC

ORDER: Probation ☒ denied ☐ granted for a period of _____ subject to the following terms and conditions ☐ additional terms and conditions on page two (Imposition of sentence suspended during this term)

Defendant committed to ☒ State Prison ☐ California Youth Authority;
☐ Tulare County Jail for the term as follows:

Count 1 - 25 years to life with 1 year for the enhancement for a total of 26 years to life

Count 2 - 3 years plus 1 year for the enhancement; total 4 years; concurrent to Count 1

Count 3 - 2 years plus 1 year for the enhancement; total 3 years; stayed pursuant to 654 PC

Defendant given credit for 296 days actual time plus 148 days conduct credit for a total of 444 days served awaiting sentence; as to counts 2 and 3.

Defendant shall pay a restitution fine in the sum of \$ 10,000.00 pursuant to Government Code §13967 ☐ stayed during term of probation after which time it shall become permanent.

☒ Defendant advised of ☐ appeal rights; ☒ parole obligation upon release from prison; ☐ consequences of violation of probation.

☐ Court finds the defendant ☐ does not have the ability to pay attorney fees; ☐ has the ability to pay attorney fees in the sum of \$ _____.

Notice of appeal filed with the court.

☐ Remaining counts dismissed
☒ Defendant remanded
☐ Bail Bond ☐ Cash Bail Exonerated
☐ Defendant released on probation

[Signature]
 Clerk

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

The People of the State of California

vs.

Cleve Otis Hulsey

Visalia, California August 1, 1991

No. 27850

Dept. No. 4

Judge, Honorable ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN

Clerk Bobbye Comer

Bailliff

Reporter

Nature of Hearing AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT

Pursuant to instructions from the Fifth District
Court of Appeal and good cause appearing therefor,
it is hereby ordered that the abstract of judgment
dated April 19, 1990 be amended as follows:

The sentence imposed as to Count 2, robbery
and the use of a gun, are stayed, said stay
to become permanent upon the completion of
serving the sentence imposed in Count 1.

The document to which this certificate is affixed is a full,
true and correct copy of the original on file and of record
in my office.

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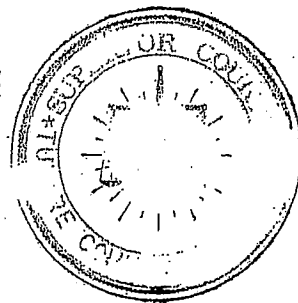
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NADINE S. SWEET, County Clerk and of the
Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the
County of Tulare.

By

Bobbye Comer



Copy to Department of Corrections.

ENDORSED

In the Superior Court of the State of California

in and for the County of Tulare**FILED**
TULARE COUNTY**Abstract of Judgment**

APR 19 1990

Commitment to State Prison

JAY C. BAYLESS, CLERK
BY BOBBYE COMER DEPUTYDept. No. 2 Case No. 27850
The People of the State of California

Present:

vs.

Cleve Otis Hulsey

Defendant.

Hon. Robert C. Van Auken

Judge of the Superior Court

James Kordell, Deputy DA

Prosecuting Attorney

James Wilson

Counsel for Defendant

This certifies that on the 19 day of April, 19 90, judgment of conviction of the above-named defendant was entered as follows:(1) In Case No. 27850 Count No. 1 he was convicted by Court on his plea of _____
(court or jury)Not Guilty

(guilty, not guilty, former conviction or acquittal, once in jeopardy, not guilty by reason of insanity)

of the crime of murder, first degree

(designation of crime and degree if any, including fact that it constitutes a second subsequent conviction of same offense if that affects the sentence.)

in violation of 187 of the Penal Code

(reference to Code or Statute, including Section and Subsection thereof, if any violated)

with prior felony convictions as follows:

DATE	COUNTY AND STATE	CRIME	DISPOSITION

Defendant has been held in jail custody for 0 days as a result of the same criminal act or acts for which he has been convicted.Defendant was not armed with a deadly weapon at the time of his commission of the offense or a concealed deadly weapon at the time of his arrest within the meaning of Sections 969c and 3024 of the Penal Code.
(was or was not)Defendant was not armed with a deadly weapon at the time of his commission of the offense within the meaning of Sections 969c and 12022 of the Penal Code.
(was or was not)Defendant did not use a firearm in his commission of the offense within the meaning of Sections 969d and 12022.5 of the Penal Code.
(used or did not use)

(Repeat foregoing with respect to each count of which defendant was convicted.)

(2) Defendant was not adjudged habitual criminal within the meaning of Subd. a a/b of Section 644 of the Penal Code; and the defendant is not a habitual criminal in accordance with Subdivision (c) of that Section.
(was or was not) (a or b)
(is or is not)

(3) IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said defendant be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison of the State of California for the term provided by law, 25 years to life and that he be remanded to the Sheriff of the County of Tulare and by him delivered to the Director of Corrections of the State of California at Duel Vocational Facility, Tracy

It is ordered that sentences shall be served in respect to one another as follows (concurrently or consecutively as to each count):

and in respect to any prior incompleated sentence(s) as follows (concurrently or consecutively as to all incomplete sentences from other jurisdictions):

(4) To the Sheriff of the County of Tulare and to the Director of Corrections at the Duel Vocational Facility, Tracy

pursuant to the aforesaid judgment, this is to command you, the said Sheriff, to deliver the above-named defendant into the custody of the Director of Corrections at Duel Vocational Facility, Tracy California, at your earliest convenience.

Witness my hand and seal of said court

this 19th day of April, 1990

Jay C. Bayless

Clerk,

by [Signature]

Deputy

State of California,

County of Tulare } ss.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct abstract of judgment duly made and entered on the minutes of the Superior Court in the above entitled action as provided by Penal Code Section 1213.

SEAL

Attest my hand and seal of the said Superior Court this 19 day of April, 1990.

Jay C. Bayless By [Signature]

Deputy

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court of California in and for the County of Tulare

The Honorable [Signature]

Robert C. Van Aken

Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare

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Psychological Evaluation
February 25, 1993

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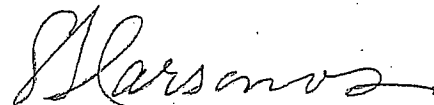
PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION FOR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS
APRIL, 1993, CALENDAR
DOCUMENTATION HEARING
FOLSOM STATE PRISON

HULSEY, E-53226

Cleve Otis Hulsey is a 21-year-old White inmate who was committed to the Department of Corrections from Tulare County on April 23, 1990, for the First Degree Murder of a convenience store clerk and for the Robbery of that store. According to the record, his codefendant shot the clerk. At the time of incarceration, the defendant's statement included, "It's real terrible that someone died. It shouldn't have happened, and had I been sober, it would not have." At the time of the current evaluation he stated, "I had just turned 18. I was drunk as a skunk, I was an alcoholic for a while. I was involved in a robbery and the store clerk was murdered. I did not shoot the clerk, I drove the car. It was the codefendant's idea, and I did not know until the crime was committed. My need was to be in bed." He had an apparent partial blackout for the incident.

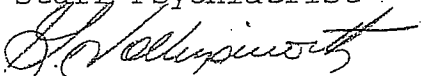
He denies any past psychiatric illness. He completed high school. He has no disciplinary reports. A chrono in his record dated May 29, 1992, includes a recommendation for a transfer to Calipatria IV. His extensive drug record began at age 13, and he indicates he began having blackouts regularly at age 14. He used alcohol, "just to get drunk." Though he had attended Narcotics Anonymous meetings at age 15 and at age 17, they seemed to have had no major impact on him. Since his incarceration, he feels that his attitude in general has changed, and then adds, "I do feel bitter at times."

He was cooperative throughout the evaluation, demonstrates good abstract thinking abilities, and appears to have an intelligence that is above average. There are no signs or symptoms of psychotic nor of neurotic illness. His regret for the instant offense appears authentic. The most appropriate psychiatric diagnosis would be that of Alcohol Dependence, in institutional remission. His expressed interest in college as well as in Alcoholics Anonymous appears sincere. He hopes to major in psychology, though expresses an interest in physical sciences, such as chemistry. His violence potential appears to be considerably less than that of the average inmate population. To this evaluator, he appears to be an individual who should, when it is administratively possible, do as much of his programming as possible at CMC, eventually entering into a Category "T" program. College is encouraged, if available.



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Psychological Evaluation
April 25, 2006

**PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION FOR
THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS UPDATE CLINICAL EVALUATION
April 2006**

**CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY SOLEDAD
APRIL 25, 2006**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

This is the second BPH psychological evaluation of Cleve Hulsey, CDC# E53226. However, it is the first time he has actually appeared before the Board. Hulsey is a single, 34-year-old Caucasian male. He has no unusual physical characteristics. He was convicted of Murder in the First Degree, Robbery in the First Degree and Burglary in the Second Degree.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

This is a psychological evaluation for the Board of Parole Hearings on inmate Hulsey. This report is the product of a personal interview of his central file and unit health record. This interview was a single contact for the purpose of preparing this report.

II. DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY:

He had no known prenatal or perinatal concerns or birth defects. He had no abnormalities of speech, language or motor development. His peer interactions and socialization skills were normal. He had no history of cruelty to animals or arson. His childhood medical history was normal. He had no history of physical or sexual abuse, either as a perpetrator or victim.

III. EDUCATION:

He is a high school graduate with at least average intelligence. He took some college courses at Old Folsom before they discontinued that program.

IV. FAMILY HISTORY:

Hulsey is the seventh of eight children born to his parents. His siblings include four brothers and three sisters. He described his family as being very close and supportive. He reportedly enlisted in the U.S. Navy following his high school graduation but never made it to boot camp, due to being discharged as a result of the instant conviction.

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V. PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT / SEXUAL ORIENTATION:

Hulsey describes a normal psychosexual development and says he is heterosexual in orientation.

VI. MARITAL HISTORY:

Hulsey has never been married.

VII. MILITARY HISTORY:

Hulsey enlisted in the Navy to become a Machinist's Mate.

VIII. EMPLOYMENT / INCOME HISTORY:

His employment history is limited due to his age at the time of arrest and his previous status as a student. He had jobs in the service industry, prior to his arrest. His work reports at CTF Soledad have been "above average."

IX. SUBSTANCE ABUSE HISTORY:

Hulsey has a history of alcohol and minimal marijuana use. His alcohol use at the time of his arrest was obviously heavy, as he said he was "drunk out of his mind", the night of the offense. His prior criminal activities are for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Public Intoxication.

X. PSYCHIATRIC AND MEDICAL HISTORY:

Hulsey has no identified psychiatric or psychological history. His medical health is "good."

XI. PLANS IF GRANTED RELEASE:

If granted parole, Hulsey plans to live with his parents. He has other family members who would help him keep on the "straight and narrow". He plans to work in construction as he says he is able to do "anything in construction." He would like to go to night school, obtain a degree in Computers and "better my living conditions."

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CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

XII. CURRENT MENTAL STATUS/TREATMENT NEEDS

Hulsey is currently in no psychological distress and requires no psychological or psychiatric intervention or treatment. He has been attending AA and should continue alcohol programming if released.

CURRENT DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSIONS:

Axis I: Alcohol Dependence, in institutional remission
 Axis II: None
 Axis III: Back problems
 Axis IV: Incarceration
 Axis V: GAF: 90

XIII. REVIEW OF LIFE CRIME

A co-defendant in a car that Hulsey was driving shot and killed a store clerk during a robbery of the store. According to Hulsey's file, it was his idea to obtain a weapon from his brother to rob the store. Hulsey said he was extremely intoxicated at the time and that the amount of alcohol he consumed impaired his judgment. He regrets his involvement in the committed offense and "wishes it had never happened." He has resolved to ensure nothing like it occurs again.

XIV. ASSESSMENT OF DANGEROUSNESS

For the past six years, Hulsey has remained disciplinary action free and has been able to follow rules in an institutional setting and, therefore, his dangerousness within a controlled setting is lower than the inmate population.

If released to the community, it appears he would be able to maintain his current sobriety and commitment to remaining abstinent. His assessment of dangerousness in the community is no more than the average person in a non-prison population.

A significant risk factor or precursor to violence for Hulsey would be a return to alcohol use. He should be periodically tested and attendance at Alcoholic Anonymous (or some other alcohol treatment modality) should be a mandatory requirement of parole.

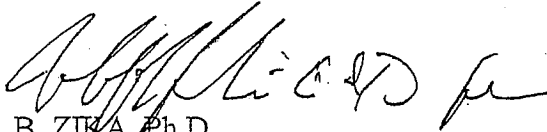
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XV. CLINICIAN OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Hulsey is competent and responsible for his behavior. ~~He has the capacity to abide by institutional standards and has done so since 2000.~~ Hulsey should do well in the future, as long as he remains drug and alcohol free. Any treatment program is recommended that will help him maintain long-term sobriety. He does not have a mental health disorder which would necessitate treatment either during his incarceration or on parole.



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1 court that as long as they have no prior record and
2 are youthful that they can go out and commit a
3 homicide?

4 And I realize that Mr. Hulsey was a
5 participant by reason of the aider and abettor rule,
6 and that he was outside of the particular store in
7 question, and there was a young man, 17 years of age,
8 behind a counter who's no longer on earth because of
9 the fact that Mr. Hulsey's cohort -- however that
10 occurred, we don't know how that occurred, but
11 apparently the gun went off and killed that
12 individual.

13 And I am well aware of the particular
14 problems that all of us face with the felony murder
15 rule. And there have been other cases in this
16 courthouse where other individuals were outside a
17 particular residence and/or commercial establishments
18 where homicides occurred and they too suffered the
19 consequences of the main principal in the action.

20 And I am afraid that in Mr. Hulsey's
21 circumstance, because of the fact perhaps that he was
22 drinking alcohol that day or because of the other
23 factors that were mentioned in the 25-page report
24 supplied by defense counsel, he found himself in a
25 situation that he now has to pay his debt to
26 society.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

DEPARTMENT 2 HONORABLE ROBERT C. VAN AUKEN, JUDGE

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF)
CALIFORNIA,)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

CLEVE OTIS HULSEY,)

Defendant.)

CASE NO. 27850

PROCEEDINGS ON SENTENCE

Visalia, California

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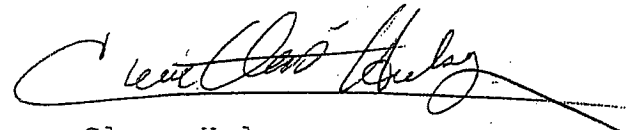
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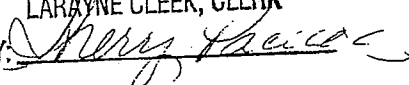
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BY: SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE

In Re

CLEVE HULSEY

For Writ of Habeas Corpus

Case No180809

**RULING RE: PETITION
FOR WRIT OF HABEAS
CORPUS**

Petitioner has failed to state a basis for relief.

The Court applies the "some evidence" standard of review to the denial of a parole release date by the Board of Prison Terms: *In Re Michael Lowe* (2005) 130 Cal.App.4th; 31 Cal Rptr. 3d 1; *In re Ramirez* (2001) 94 Cal.4th 549, 563; *In re Rosenkrantz* (2000) 80 Cal. App.4th 409, 423, *In re Powell* (1988) 45 Cal.3d 894, 904. Under the "some evidence" standard the Board of Prison term's decision will be upheld as long as there is "some basis in fact" for the decision.

In the case of *Irons v Carey* (2007) 2007 DJDAR 3072, the court stated as follows:

"The Board must determine whether a prisoner is presently too dangerous to be deemed suitable for parole based on the "circumstances tending to show unsuitability" and the "circumstances tending to show suitability" set forth in Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 15 Paragraph 2402(c)(d). A prisoner's commitment offense may constitute a circumstance tending to show that a prisoner is presently too dangerous to be found suitable for parole, but the denial of parole may be predicated on a prisoner's commitment offense only where the Board can "point to factors beyond the minimum elements of the crime for which the inmate was committed" that demonstrate the inmate will, at the time of the suitability hearing, present

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3 *a danger to society if released. In Re Dannenburg (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1071. Factors beyond the*
4 *minimum elements of the crime include, inter alia, that 'the offense was carried out in a dispassionate*
5 *and calculated manner,' that "the offense was carried out in a manner which demonstrates an*
6 *exceptionally callous disregard for human suffering" and that "the motive for the crime is inexplicable*
7 *or very trivial in relation to the offense." Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 15 Paragraph 2402(c)(B), (D)(E).*
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9 The record shows that there were relevant facts upon which the Board of Prison Terms could and
10 did base their decisions. In arriving at their decision of May 9, 2006 the Board of Prison Terms used the
11 following in denying the petitioner parole in finding he poses an unreasonable risk of danger to society:

12 1: (Decision Page 1, Lines 14-18 "First of all we'll talk about the commitment offense. It was
13 carried out in a very dispassionate and calculated manner such as an execution style murder. The
14 offense was carried out in a manner an especially cruel and callous manner." (Line 20-26) His
15 crime partner Mr. Abele, ultimately after spending the time with Mr. Hulsey and three juveniles
16 went into a store and robbed it with Mr. Hulsey's brother's 22 rifle with three rounds in it. The
17 storekeeper was ultimately murdered in this particular crime. (Page 2, Lines 1-5) ...Five dollars
18 in this robbery. While Mr. Hulsey did not do the robbery himself, he was in the car. He was a
19 participant and was found guilty of murder in the first degree."

20 2. (Decision Page 2, Line 15-18) "He had a brief history, three years of history of alcohol abuse"
21 He was 18 at the time of the crime.

22 3. The BPT found that the petitioner needed further time to address his alcohol issues. Alcohol was
23 a prime factor in the commitment crime.

24 4. The BPT found that the petitioner has incurred additional disciplinary 115s which concerned the
25 petitioner's ability to stay out of trouble.

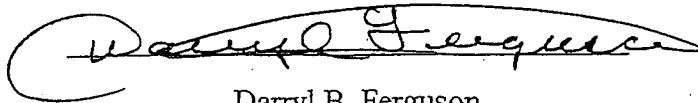
26 It is clear from the record that there was more than enough evidence to justify the denial of
27 petitioner's parole.
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Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is denied.

Date received by judge: 3-24-07

Dated: 3-26-07



Darryl B. Ferguson
Judge of the Superior Court

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I certify that I am not a party to this action.

The Ruling Re: Writ of Habeas Corpus was mailed first class, in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, to the parties at the addresses shown. The mailing and this certification occurred at the place and on the date shown.

Dated: March 26, 2007 at Visalia, California.

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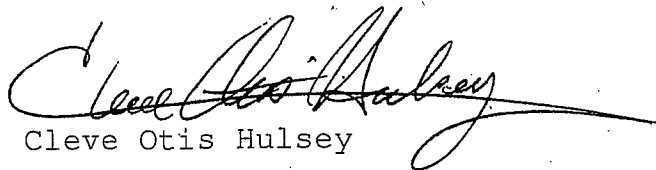

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of)	Case No.
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CLEVE O. HULSEY)	REQUEST FOR REVIEW
)	
On Habeas Corpus.)	(Fifth App. Ct. No.F052769)
	)	(Tulare Sup. Ct. No.180809)

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME
COURT AND THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE COURT:

Cleve O. Hulsey, petitioner herein, respectfully requests
review following the decision of the Court of Appeal, Fifth
Appellate District, filed on October 25, 2007 and received on
October 29, 2007, denying his petition for writ of habeas
corpus. A copy of the denial from the court of appeal is
attached hereto as Exhibit A.

I

QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW

This case presents the following questions for review:

1. Is it a due process violation for the Board to deny parole without supporting evidence that the prisoner's offense was particularly egregious?
2. Is it a due process violation for the Board to deny parole without supporting evidence that the offense contained elements or aggravating facts beyond the minimum necessary to sustain a conviction for first degree murder?
3. Is it a due process violation for the Board to deny parole without supporting evidence that the prisoner currently poses an unreasonable risk of danger or poses a threat to public safety?
4. Is it a due process violation for the Board to rely on unchanging factors to deny a prisoner parole?

II

NECESSITY FOR REVIEW

This case presents questions of law of first impression that are of statewide importance.

This court's decision in *In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616, holds that a Board of Parole Hearings decision violates due process and must be reversed if there is not "some evidence" in the record to support it. This court's decision in *In re Dannenburg* (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, holds that although parole may in some cases be denied on the basis of the crime, the Board must cite some evidence to support a finding that there were aggravating facts beyond the minimum necessary to sustain a conviction of first degree murder. The Board must also cite some evidence that indicates a parolee's release unreasonably

endangers public safety.

The Board of Parole Hearings [hereafter Board] has totally ignored the mandates of this Court and the laws and regulations that govern it. The Courts in this state have allowed this abrogation of the law to go unchallenged. Petitioner would ask "What good are the California Supreme Court decisions if the courts in this state ignore or refuse to abide or enforce the precedents?"

III

JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

Petitioner has exhausted all lower court remedies. Thus, petitioner having been placed in jeopardy and danger of irreparable harm, this court has jurisdiction. (*Employees Association v. City of Glendale*, 15 Cal.3d 328, 342 (1975).)

There is no issue of "comity" since both state and federal due process standards are offended. This is particularly true since the California standard of due process is more stringently protective of the individual. (*People v. Ramirez*, 25 Cal.3d 260 (1979).)

IV

HISTORY OF THE CASE

Petitioner was convicted of first degree murder on March 28, 1990 and was sentenced to a term of 25 years-to-life on April 19, 1990. On May 9, 2006, petitioner's initial parole suitability hearing was conducted and he was found unsuitable and denied parole for a period of three years. On March 11, 2007, petitioner filed a petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in

the Superior Court for the County of Tulare. On March 26, 2007, the petition was denied. On April 26, 2007, petitioner filed a petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District. On October 29, 2007 petitioner received the denial from the Fifth Appellate District.

V

ARGUMENT

1. **Is it a due process violation for the Board to deny parole without supporting evidence that the prisoner's offense was particularly egregious?**

The Court's decision in *Rosenkrantz* holds that a Board's parole decision violates due process and must be reversed if there is not "some evidence" in the record to support it. Also, although parole may in some cases be denied on the basis of the crime, there must be evidence to support a finding that the crime was particularly egregious. (*In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4th 616, 683.)

In petitioner's case, as in all Boards decisions, the commitment offense is the evidence relied on by the Board to support a finding that the crime was particularly egregious. That is to say in the eyes of the Board all indeterminate sentenced prisoner's committed particularly egregious crimes. Petitioner would submit that all indeterminate offenses could be considered egregious, yet not all of them could be classified as "particularly" so. But that is precisely what the Board has done. Petitioner would contend that if all indeterminate offenses are particularly egregious, then none are particularly egregious.

This Court has held "[S]ole reliance on the commitment offense might, in particular cases, violate section 3041, subdivision (a)'s provision that a parole date 'shall normally be set' under 'uniform term' principles, and might thus also contravene the inmate's constitutionally protected expectation of parole. We explained that such a violation could occur, 'for example[,] where no circumstances of the offense reasonable could be considered more aggravated or violent than the minimum necessary to sustain a conviction for that offense.'

(*Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th 616, 683.) Quoting *Ramirez, supra*, 94 Cal.App.4th 549, 570, we suggested that, in order to prevent that parole authority's case-by-case suitability determination from swallowing the rule that parole should 'normally' be granted, an offense must be 'particularly egregious' to justify the denial of parole. (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, at 683.)" (*In re Dannenberg* (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1094-1095, italics added.)

The Board may deny parole if a defendant committed his crime "in an especially heinous, atrocious or cruel manner." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subd. (c)(1), italics added.) The measure of atrociousness is not general notions of common decency or society norms, for by that yardstick all murders are atrocious. (See *In re Scott*, (2004) 119 Cal.4th 871, 891 ["'[A]ll second degree murders by definition involve some callousness - i.e., lack of emotion or sympathy, emotional insensitivity, indifference to the feelings and suffering of others'"].) Rather, the inquiry is whether among murders the

one committed by petitioner was particularly heinous, atrocious or cruel. (*In re Ramirez, supra*, 94 Cal.App.4th at 570, disapproved on another point by *In re Dannenberg, supra*, 34 Cal.4th at 1082-1083, 1100.) By that measure, petitioner's crime was more commonplace than egregious.

2. Is it a due process violation for the Board to deny parole without supporting evidence that the offense contained elements or aggravating facts beyond the minimum necessary to sustain a conviction for first degree murder?

This Court has stated "When the Board bases unsuitability on the circumstances of the commitment offense, it must cite 'some evidence' of aggravating facts *beyond the minimum elements of that offense*. (*In re Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th 1061, 1095, italics in original.)

It is therefore axiomatic that the absence of such a citing would rise to the level of a due process violation. In petitioner's case, and in almost every other parole consideration hearing, the Board merely recites the circumstances of the commitment offence to satisfy the aggravating facts requirement. That the Board is allowed to propagate such a miscarriage of justice is beyond rational explanation. Petitioner would contend that at some point the Board, or the Courts, will have to clarify this constitutional vague requirement by establishing exactly what constitutes aggravating facts. Until then surely the Board must be required to pay more than lip service to this Court's holding in *Dannenberg*.

3. Is it a due process violation for the Board to deny parole without supporting evidence that the prisoner currently

poses an unreasonable risk of danger or poses a threat to public safety?

This court has held that "[T]he Board must apply detailed standards when evaluating whether an individual inmate is unsuitable for parole on public safety grounds. (See § 3041, subd. (b); CCR § 2402.) A prisoner may be found unsuitable for parole so long as "some evidence," which may be as little as a "modicum," supports the Board's decision. (*Rosenkrantz, supra*, 29 Cal.4th at pp. 676-677; *In re Smith*, (2003) 114 Cal.App.4th 343, 361; *In re McClendon* (2003) 113 Cal.App.4th 315, 321.)

However, as the *Lee* court held, "The test is not whether some evidence supports the reasons the [Board] cites for denying parole, but whether some evidence indicates a parolee's release *unreasonable endangers public safety*. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subd. (a) [parole denied if prisoner 'will pose an unreasonable risk of danger to society if released from prison']; see *In re Scott* (2005) 133 Cal.App.4th 573, 595 ['The commitment offense can negate suitability [for parole] only if circumstances of the crime ... rationally indicates that the offender will present an unreasonable public safety risk if released from prison']); ... Some evidence of the existence of a particular factor does not necessarily equate to some evidence the parolee's release *unreasonably endangers public safety*." (*In re Lee*, (2006) 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 931, 936-937, italics in original.) Thus a finding that a particular unsuitability factor applies to a prisoner does not automatically establish that he poses an unreasonable risk to public safety if released on parole.

Therefore, absent a rational indication that the unsuitability factors proves or demonstrates that a prisoner is a threat to public safety the unsuitability factors fail to meet the "modicum" requirement of the "some evidence" standard.

The Board illegally concludes that if an unsuitability factor can be applied to a prisoner then this factor alone establishes proof of an unreasonable risk to public safety if he/she is released on parole. This is not what the Legislature intended when it enacted Penal Code section 3041 (a) and (b).

The record in this case establishes that petitioner does not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety. Any contrary conclusion lacks any evidentiary support.

4. Is it a due process violation for the Board to rely on unchanging factors to deny a prisoner parole?

In the circumstances of this case, the Board's continued reliance upon the nature of petitioner's crime to deny him parole in 2006 violates due process.

In finding petitioner unsuitable at his initial parole suitability hearing, the panel relied exclusively on an unchanging factor: the commitment offense. In *Biggs*, the Ninth Circuit stated that the Board was "initially justified" in finding Mr. Biggs unsuitable based on the circumstances of the offense and his conduct prior to imprisonment. The Ninth Circuit added that "[a] continued reliance in the future on an unchanging factor, the circumstances of the offense and conduct prior to imprisonment, runs contrary to the rehabilitation goals espoused by the prison system and could result in a due process

violation." (*Biggs v. Turhune*, 334 F.3d 910, 917 (9th Cir. 2003).)

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has articulated when the reliance on unchanging factors, i.e. the reliance on the commitment offense to deny parole, triggers a violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution. The Ninth Circuit held, "We note that in all the cases in which we have held that a parole Board's decision to deem a prisoner unsuitable for parole solely on the basis of his commitment offense comports with due process, the decision was made before the inmate had served the minimum numbers of years to which they have been sentenced at the time of the challenged parole denial by the Board. *Biggs*, *Sass*, and here, the petitioners had not served the minimum numbers of years to which they had been sentenced at the time of the challenged parole denial by the Board. *Biggs*, 334 F.3d at 912; *Sass*, 461 F.3d 1125. All we held in those cases and all we hold today, therefore, is that, given the particular circumstances of the offenses in these cases, due process was not violated when these prisoners were deemed unsuitable for parole prior to the expiration of their minimum terms." (*Irons v. Carey*, 479 F.3d 658 (9th Cir. 2007).)

This decision by the Ninth Circuit in *Irons* failed to consider that the State, in an effort to entice prisoners to behave well and participate in work, education or vocational programs, has offered a reduction in the minimum term if the prisoner meets certain conditions. The Legislature established

guidelines under which an inmate can receive a reduction in his term. Penal Code § 2931 allows for a four month term reduction for every eight months of good behavior and participation in an appropriate program. The Board has established that a life prisoner may earn four months of term reduction credits for each year of good behavior and program participation. These credits are to be applied after a parole release date has been established. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2401, subd. (a) and (b).)

Therefore, based on the above, an inmate with a first degree murder conviction who did not actually kill anyone, whether by the felony murder rule or a conspiracy, is entitled to a maximum term of 25 years once found suitable for parole. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2403, subd. (b).) If the prisoner has served the minimum term of 25 years when the release date is established, then the total time served on the sentence will be 25 years plus 8.25 years of earned credit for a total term served of 33.25 years. The State currently requires every life prisoner to serve a period on parole. The actual parole period differs based upon the law in effect at the time the crime was committed. In petitioner's case the parole period is five years. If the reduction credits are applied only against the base term then an inmate assessed a base term of 25 years, who has served 25 years, would have his term set at 16 years 9 months. What happens to the 8.25 years earned credit? The State discards the credits. The State's promise of a reduction in the minimum term for life prisoners who qualify becomes

nothing more than a sham. The Ninth Circuit's ruling in *Irons* allows the State to further this injustice. The Board denies all life prisoners a parole date until they have reached or surpassed their minimum term and then requires the prisoner to forfeit all earned credits the Legislature has authorized by law for life prisoners to receive. This is a gross miscarriage of justice and violates a prisoner's due process rights.

Because there is no reliable evidence supporting the conclusion that petitioner is unsuitable for parole, the Board's determination of unsuitability violated petitioner's due process rights. (*Hill*, 472 U.S. at 455.)

Therefore, according to this Court, the Board must follow and apply the factors specified by statute and regulation in determining that the circumstances of the commitment offense were "particularly egregious" and cite aggravating facts that were beyond the minimum elements of the offense and support these determinations with "some evidence" in the record. The Board must also cite "some evidence" that reliably and rationally indicates a prisoner's release would unreasonably endanger public safety.

A cursory review of the record in this case demonstrates that the Board's decision was unreasonable under the applicable "some evidence" rule. The record simply does not contain any evidence that petitioner's first degree murder was *particularly* egregious. Nor does the record contain any evidence that petitioner is currently a threat to society. Given that both findings are required by California law, there is zero evidence

in the record to support the Board's decision.

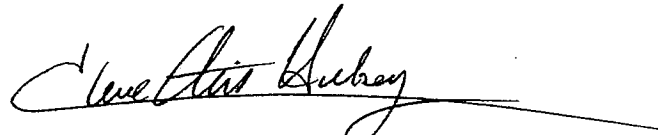
CONCLUSION

All murders represent the basest form of human behavior. Our laws, however, provide for mechanisms by which even murderers, in limited circumstances, are entitled to be paroled. The judiciary has an obligation to execute those laws. The record establishes that petitioner does not pose an unreasonable risk of danger or poses a threat to public safety. Any contrary conclusion lacks any evidentiary support.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that this petition for review be granted in the interest of justice to address the important questions of law of a statewide importance.

DATE: October 31, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Cleve Otis Hulsey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cleve Otis Hulsey
Petitioner, In Pro Per

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Cleve Hulsey, declare:

I am a resident of the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California; I am over the age of eighteen (18) years; I am a party to the attached action; My address is P. O. Box 705, WA-350L, Soledad, CA 93960-0705; I served the attached document entitled:

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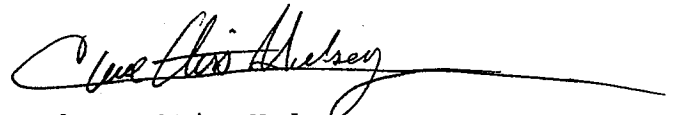
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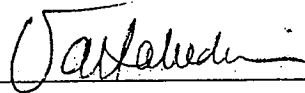
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F052769
(Tulare County Sup. Ct. No. 27850)

BY THE COURT:*

The petition for writ of habeas corpus filed in this court on May 2, 2007, is denied.



Acting Presiding Justice

*Before Vartabedian, Acting P.J., Dawson, J. and Kane, J.

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[Signature] Acting Presiding Justice

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The petition for review is denied.

Werdegarr, J., was absent and did not participate.

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